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FLYING-BOAT WRECK, BODIES FOUND

Another Victim; Relatives To Identify Bodies Today SOLE SURVIVOR'S STORY

At least six bodies, unidentified, have been picked up near the submerged wreck of the Catalina flying-boat which crashed with 27 people into the sea 15 minutes after leaving Macao for Hong Kong on Friday night.

Unconfirmed reports last night increased the number to 20. The wrecked plane was located by junks dragging nets through the area where eye-witnesses said they saw it crash.

It was confirmed late yesterday that Mr. Daniel Nelson, associated with the China Relief Agency and head of the United World Action in China, was on the flying-boat with his wife, daughter and son. This brings the total casualties to 26.

The plane was yesterday reported sunk five fathoms below. Information on its condition—whether intact or not—was not available. Salvage operations will start today.

The funeral of Mr. H.G. Stewart (of Texas Company) whose body was recovered on Saturday took place at Macao yesterday. It was attended by close associates in Texas Company and by many friends in Macao.

The party of investigators, headed by Mr. F.H. de Kuntzow, who revisited the scene of the disaster yesterday is expected to arrive back at 7.30 a.m. today with details of yesterday's operations and a list of identified bodies recovered.

Relatives of victims of the tragedy will leave Hong Kong by boat this morning to identify the bodies and to arrange funeral services. Among them will be Mr. Charles T. Carroll, of Coca-Cola Export Corporation, among the victims were Mr. and Mrs. M. Wu, of the Shanghai office of Coca-Cola.

It was learned yesterday that the couple is survived by six children—in the Italian-Convict and a daughter, Joan, studying at the Columbia University in the United States.

Several of the passengers who boarded the flying boat at Macao on Friday had originally intended to travel by ship to Hong Kong. Some arrived too late at the pier.



MRS. H.M.R. HODGMAN was also a popular member of local society. She was a singer and took part in several concerts. An American citizen, she travelled with an American passport. Her maiden name was Miss C. M. S. Smith.

Others could not obtain reservations. The original crew of the flying boat, it was learned, had all switched.

Captain Dale Cramer took the place of the original pilot who was suffering from earache and First Officer K.S. MacDuff and Air Stewardess Miss D. de Costa, switched from their original Singapore run to the Macao route.

The New Life Evening News correspondent at Macao yesterday called an interview with the sole survivor, Wang Yu, who said that a terrible explosion occurred in one of the engines when the flying boat was over the Nineteen Islands. The passengers were alerted. The plane lost height and crashed into the sea. As it was sinking, it crawled out of one of the windows holding a cushion-seat. After floating for a long time it was picked up by a junk and taken to Macao.

The correspondent said that the 27-year-old Wang Yu had been in Hong Kong on his way to Macao. He was the only survivor of the crash.



GENADY MOSKVITCH

Special circus performances will be held tomorrow in commemoration of Mr. Genady Moskvitch (above) one of the star artists of the Kamala Circus, who was killed in the plane disaster at Macao.

The entire proceeds of the two benefit shows, starting at 5.30 p.m. and 8.30 p.m., will go to four-year-old Master Moskvitch and two-year-old Miss Moskvitch, children of the Russian artist.

The Indian Circus will present a programme of their best acts. Prices of admission in five classes will be as before.

Cathay Pacific Airways flights between Hong Kong and Macao have been postponed indefinitely since Saturday.

Those who left yesterday to continue the investigation were Mr. S.H. de Kuntzow, Managing Director of CPA, Pilot V.H. Hunt, Flight-engineer—A.L. Cabot, Messrs. R. Lobo, R. Labrum, and Roy Farrell. They are due back this morning.

Relative In Kansas

Kansas City, July 17. Mr. O.H. Nelson said today that he believed the Nelson family in yesterday's plane crash was that of his brother Daniel Nelson, connected with China Relief Agency and head of United World Action in China.

Nelson said his brother, in Kansas City three weeks ago, stated that he planned to take the family to Hong Kong for the summer. Nelson's father also named Daniel, is prominent in Lutheran missionary work in China.—Associated Press.

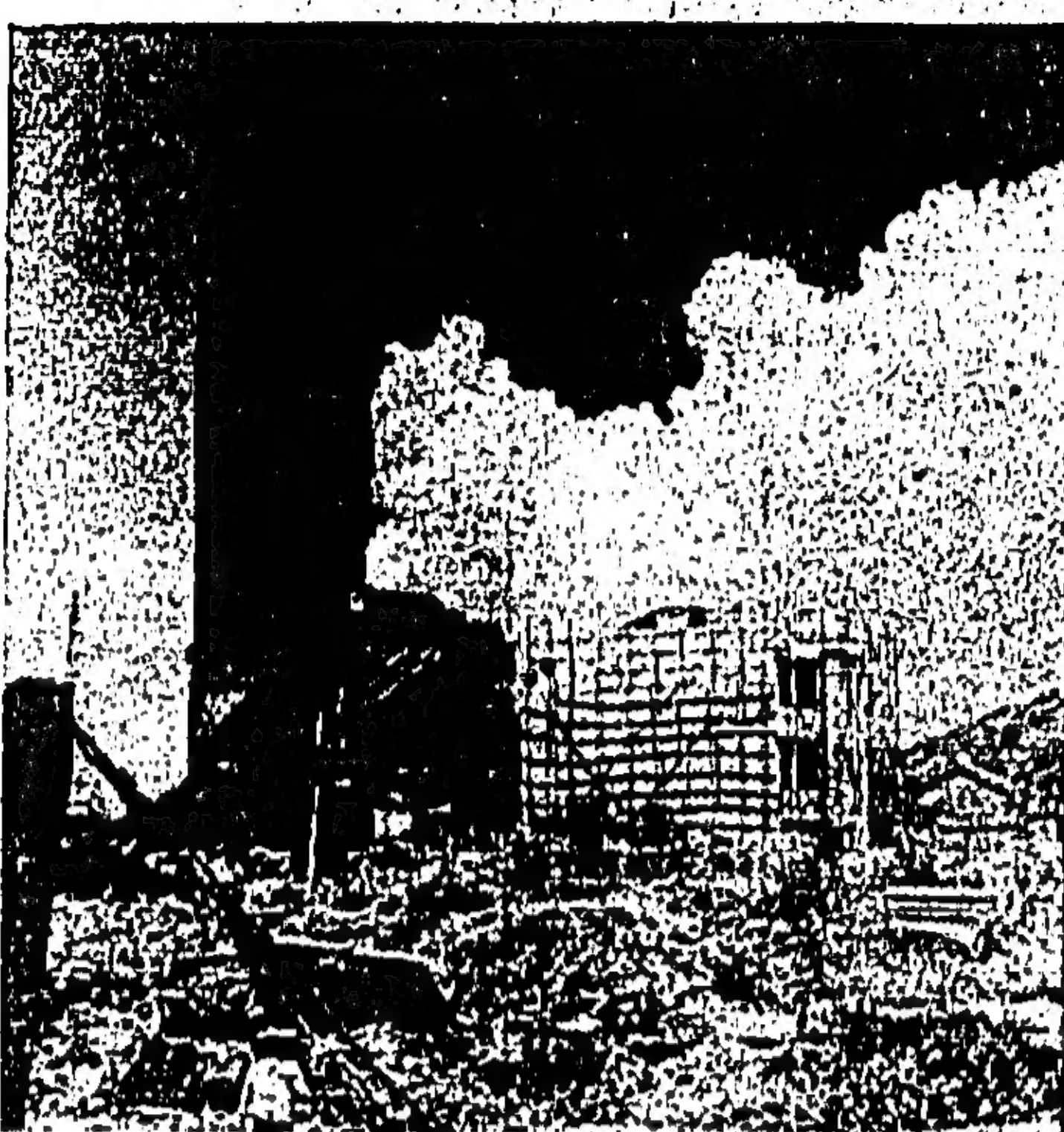
RN Dockyard Chinese Claim Occupation Pay

An application for payment of back pay, covering the Occupation period, has been submitted by the Hong Kong Naval Dockyard Chinese Workers' Association to the Commodore Superintendent, Hong Kong, for transmission to the Hong Kong Government.

The application, which affects approximately 1,000 Naval Dockyard Chinese workers, was submitted after a meeting of members of the Association following an announcement by the Public Relations Office regarding payment of back pay to Government servants.

In an interview with the "China Mail" yesterday, Mr. Mak Yiu-chuen, Chairman of the Association, said that Chinese workers at the Naval Dockyard played a not less important role in the defence of Hong Kong during December, 1941, than other members of the Civil Defence Services.

Some Footing
In view of this and the fact that the Naval Dockyard is an industrial organisation of the Royal Navy, the Chinese workers feel that they should be placed on the same footing as other Government servants and given back pay for the Occupation period.



STANDING sentinel-like over a pile of rubble, on the site of the former busy dockyard town of Hung Hom, is a section of a tenement house, one of approximately 200 buildings destroyed in the area during the war. Only sign of rehabilitation is the new tenement house in the background. There is a similar building nearby and also a row of 20 single-storey shops at Bulky Street. War rubble on the remaining sites is left uncleared.—China Mail Photo.

Bandits Release Customs Hostages

Held captive for two days, 29 Chinese Maritime Customs personnel taken hostage on Thursday morning after the attack on their outpost at Shayuchung by a large force of armed men, have been released, the "China Mail" learned yesterday.

They were escorted to the Canton highway on Saturday morning and put on a bus bound for Shumchun, Chinese border town. At Shumchun they boarded a train and came to Hong Kong to report to Mr. G.N. Gawler, Commissioner of Customs, Kowloon and New Territories.

The released men said that after the battle at Shayuchung they were forced to march with a group of the armed men along hill paths to a small village of about seven huts at 9 p.m. that day. The captured soldiers of the Shayuchung garrison were taken to a different place.

Assurances

The armed men claimed to be Communists. The captives were given meals and allowed to go to a nearby stream to wash.

They were repeatedly assured that they need not feel anxious about their lives. On Saturday morning they were escorted by a guide to the Canton highway near the British border. There they were put on a bus bound for the frontier town of Shumchun and came to Hong Kong by train.

Before releasing the captives, the Communists gave them a pass which requested "comrades" to assist them, numbering 29, on their way home. It was signed by the "Eastern Kwangtung People's Protection Corps."

Mr. Bruce will work to foster cultural relations by such means as student scholarships, local exhibitions of British paintings, supply of books and periodicals, and occasionally sponsoring the tour of a representative of Hong Kong Chinese cultural groups to England.

Mr. Bruce learned Cantonese in Canton during 1934-35 while he was serving there as a cadet in the Malayan Civil Service.

He was invalided out of the service and returned to England where he took up, among other things, free-lance writing. He has been with the British Council in England since 1943.

A reference library, sponsored by the British Council, is situated in the "China Mail" office on the mezzanine floor, Windsor House. It is open to the public from Monday to Friday between 10 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Admiral Boyd Returns
HMS Alert arrived back in Hong Kong from Singapore where he took up, among other things, free-lance writing. He has been with the British Council in England since 1943.

Workers Worried
In spite of this, he claimed, discharged workers still taking place, although the figure had dropped from 100,000 to 50,000. Mr. Mak said that the discharged workers were causing concern to the workers who were still working because the discharged workers were not receiving any allowances or other benefits.

'ASTRONOMICAL NOTES' ISSUED TODAY

Shanghai, July 18. A further step to facilitate calculations and overcome the shortage of cash in Chinese high finance will be taken tomorrow when the authorities issue "astronomical notes" in Customs Gold Units equivalent to CN\$5,000,000, CN\$1,000,000, CN\$500,000 and CN\$200,000.

The announcement today was made by S. Y. Liu, Deputy Governor of the Central Bank, who said the Gold Units will be in the denominations of \$250,000, \$50,000, \$25,000 and \$10,000 which corresponds to the above figures in Chinese currency.

The insurance of big notes had long been anticipated but postponed from time to time by the Government reportedly in order to avoid a possible further stimulus to the wild inflation. At present the highest bill in general use is CN\$100,000.

According to the black market exchange rate, currently around CN\$7,000,000 for US\$1.00, the highest denomination note to be put into circulation tomorrow will still equal only US\$1.70.—United Press.

Italy Considers Use Of Troops In Future Strikes

Rome, July 17. The Italian Cabinet today discussed measures—including use of troops—to cope with future lightning strikes like the general strike which ended at noon yesterday.

The country was back to normal for the first time since last Wednesday's attempted assassination of the Communist leader, Palmiro Togliatti, which touched off a nationwide walk-out of 7,000,000 workers.

Sigior Togliatti, closely guarded in a Rome hospital, today said that he had a temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit. Last night his chances of recovery were put at 50-50.

The 26-year-old student, Antonio Pallante, who shot the Communist leader, was said today to have told the police that he had intended to attack Togliatti inside the Chamber of Deputies, but had not realised that "violence" was subject to search before entry.

The Cabinet decided at its meeting today that the Government had the right under existing laws to call up army classes to ensure the running of essential services during a strike.

Fascism
Railway workers, bakers and other specialist workers would be called into the armed forces in case of an emergency.

The Cabinet also discussed measures to deal with the revival of certain signs of Fascism in newspapers, such as the denigratory attacks on democratic men and parties, or instigation to crimes.

The Chamber of Deputies, after a short meeting today, suspended its sittings until July 20.

There was a pitched battle yesterday at the works of the vast Montedison chemical trust in Milan, where one group of strikers defended the building against their colleagues who wanted to resume work.

Finally, those who wanted to go back turned hoses on the strikers and quickly captured the factory.

The Communist paper Unità today claimed that some policemen deserted during the strike.

Two mines were discovered today on the Milan-Genoa railway near Milan. Traffic was held up for about an hour while experts removed the mines and exploded them.

Premier's Position
At Turin—home of the huge Fiat motor works—conditions also returned to normal today. Work was resumed by last night's shifts after minor scuffles between workers. During the general strike, workers had held 30 leaders.

The Weather

At 0600 GMT (7 p.m. H.K. Summer Time) a shallow depression is stationary over the Eastern Sea with a low extending East across Japan and West to Central and SW China. A pressure maximum relatively high in a ridge from the British Isles to the North.

Today's Forecast: Moderate E or SW winds. Fair, with scattered showers, mainly night and early morning. Tomorrow's Weather: Mainly rain. S.W. gales. High: 1000 ft. Low: 200 ft. Rainfall: 1.5 in. Total: 10 in. Wind: 10-15 mph. Sea: 1-2 ft. High: 1000 ft. Low: 200 ft. Rainfall: 1.5 in. Total: 10 in. Wind: 10-15 mph. Sea: 1-2 ft.

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PIRATES' HOSTAGE IS WELL

Mr. Parkson Chan, one of the three men still in the hands of the pirates, who seized and looted the 4,500-ton Van Heutsz on December 14-15 last, is still alive, the "China Mail" learned yesterday from sources close to his family.

The other two men are K. P. Young, manager of the Swatow branch of the Wing On Insurance Company, and Tang Kong-pat, a Chinese bank employee.

Six men were originally taken as hostages. Three were released in April last after payment of HK\$21,000 for their upkeep while in captivity near Bias Bay.

The three were Tan Kit-cheung, son of the Singapore millionaire philanthropist, Tan Kah-kee, Pak Ki-po, manager of the Swatow Municipal Bank, and Tan Cheng-seng, relative of the first man.

The pirates seized the Van Heutsz 80 miles east of Hong Kong near Chingling Point. The loot they took away was estimated at HK\$2,000,000.

Shortly after the release of the three hostages in April, the Hong Kong police arrested several men in a series of raids on the island and mainland.

Part of the loot was recovered and identified by officers of the Van Heutsz. Four of the men were charged with the piracy and will be arraigned before the Supreme Court today.

Major Clash On Border Imminent

A major clash between a large force of armed Communists and Nationalist troops west of the Kowloon-Canton Railway near Fu Kut is imminent, reported the New Life Evening News, widely-read vernacular paper, yesterday.

In an exclusive report, the newspaper said that information of the imminent attack leaked out from areas occupied by the Communists. These areas were known as Mo Lam, Ha Mo Lam, Wu Shek Ngam, Mong Tien Fu and Koon Lan, all west of the railway near Po Kut.

The newspaper added that the garrisons along the railway from Shumchun to Po Kut have been alerted with all leave cancelled.

An emergency conference was held yesterday at the Shumchun Military Headquarters at which a "Communist Suppression Council" was formed to direct operations.



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SOUTHERN DEMOCRATS REBEL AGAINST PLAN FOR NEGROES' RIGHTS

Birmingham, Alabama, July 17. Southern Democrats, in a full scale revolt, against their party's approval of a civil rights programme for negroes, met here in the "deep South" today to prepare to break away from the regular party policy for the first time in 70 years.

Their objective is to defeat President Truman, the author of the programme against racial discrimination which had set off the Southern revolt earlier this year.

The temporary chairman of the meeting, Mr. Frank J. Dixon, former Governor of Alabama, described the civil rights programme which would include Federal anti-segregation laws as an unconstitutional effort to "reduce us to the status of a mongrel inferior race; to crush with imprisonment our leadership, and thereby kill our hopes, our aspirations, our future and the future of our children."

In his keynote address, Mr. Dixon said that the civil rights programme was designed solely

to catch the negro vote of the South. The Resolutions Committee of the meeting passed a statement of principles, including the following provisions:

"We stand for the segregation of the races and the racial integrity of each race; the constitutional right to choose one's employer; to accept private employment without Government interference. We oppose and condemn a civil rights programme calling for the elimination of segregation, social equality by Federal law."

Nominations

"We call upon all Democrats and upon all other loyal Americans to unite with us in ignominiously defeating Harry S. Truman and Thomas E. Dewey."

Governor J. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina was nominated to carry the banner of the rebellion. Southern Democrats against President Truman in November. Governor Fielding Wright of Mississippi was given the Vice-Presidential nomination and the rebel Democrats began mapping plans for placing their candidates on the ballot in 15 Southern and border states.

The action appeared to make the split of Southern rebels from the National Democratic Party irrevocable for the foreseeable future. A wild demonstration broke out among the 6,000 "Dixiecrats" meeting in the ramp convention as the names of Thurmond and Wright were offered. Their nominations were approved by acclamation.

Bouncing back from their earlier setback when Governor Ben Lundy of Arkansas was the first man considered to oppose Truman and Alben Barkley, the Southern Democrats in rapid-fire order.

Eight-Point Platform

1. Voted to invade Missouri and Kentucky, the home states of Truman and Barkley, with opposing states of electors.

2. Embraced an eight-point anti-Truman, anti-civil rights, and pro-states rights platform.

3. Approved appointment of a general chairman for their "Southern States Rights Campaign Committee" who would in turn appoint a finance committee, and

4. Approved another "Dixiecrats" conference on Oct. 1 to which every state would be invited to send a delegation.

All resolutions were adopted by loud acclaim. Reuter and United Press.

REDS APPEAL FOR HELP AGAINST WHITES

Shanghai, July 18. Leaders of the Soviet community here today asked for police protection for their church against Russian emigres who belong to a rival Orthodox Church.

The Soviets claimed emigre fanatics planned to desecrate the Soviet-patronized church on the occasion of yesterday's death anniversary of Czar Nicholas II whom the Bolsheviks killed after they seized power in Russia. The day passed quietly but the police guard was maintained.

Ironically enough the church which the Soviets wanted protected is named "Saint Nicholas Church" and was erected to the memory of "Nicholas the Martyr" when all Shanghai Russians were emigres.

At present the church is administered by clergy Bishop Victor (head of the Russian Orthodox Mission in China) led into the Soviet camp after the war.

Emigre faithful are being administered by a section of the Mission clergy, which refused to follow Bishop Victor's lead. United Press.

Arabs To Be Neutral "If"

Amman, July 17. King Abdullah told the United Press today that the Arabs would remain neutral in any future world war because of the way the Western Powers had treated them over Palestine.

King Abdullah said the Arabs wanted the Big Powers to grant them their "rights" and warned, "If our rights are neglected, it might well be the start of a third world war."

He added, "Whatever the Political Committee decides regarding the armistice I will carry out as I am only a servant of my people. We will finish the Palestine war as strongly united as when we started." United Press.

Russians Free British Officer

Berlin, July 17. It was officially announced this evening that a British Military Government officer of water transport who was arrested last Wednesday by the Soviets while inspecting British barges blocked at Wittenberg in the Soviet zone was handed to the British authorities yesterday. The officer was transported to Berlin under heavy escort. Agency France-Press.

APPEAL TO STUDENTS

Peiping, July 17. Security authorities today urged students of Yenching and Tsinghua universities to refrain from further demonstrations against the Government.

Letters sent to the Presidents of these schools said that civilians intended to molest the students should another demonstration take place. Associated Press.



THESE TWO PICTURES WERE TAKEN ON SATURDAY INSIDE LAICHKOK WOMEN'S PRISON. THE TOP ONE SHOWS ACTIVITY IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM WHERE PRISONERS WASH AND IRON THEIR OWN CLOTHES. THE BOTTOM PHOTOGRAPH SHOWS A NUMBER OF THE INMATES EATING THEIR MAIN MEAL OF THE DAY, AT 4.30 P.M., CONSISTING OF FISH, VEGETABLES AND RICE.

Churchill Says:

TIME FOR FRIENDSHIP WITH GERMANY

Cardiff, July 18. In a speech here tonight, the former Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, stressed the necessity for the establishment of relations between Great Britain and Germany.

"I think that the time has come when we should turn our faces away from the terrible past and look forward to a time when Germans and Germany will take their place again in the family of Europe and bring all their power and valour of race towards undoing the harm they have done and to building up again that great structure of Europe, a continent fallen from its great position and from its place as a leader of the world."

Mr. Churchill added: "That continent must arise again in all its ancient glory."

Danger Of War

"That cannot be unless all great elements within its population—our French allies who are over first in our minds, the German people, the Italians and nations with whom we have remained in association—are all brought within the majestic structure of a united Europe and once again become the envy and not an object of pity of all the nations of the world."

Speaking of the dangers of war, Mr. Churchill said "The threat should be faced."

He added that the entire British nation would support a government, whatever it was, which would adopt an honest, patient and persevering policy. No government could escape the dangers of war by fleeing from them; he concluded. Agency France-Press.

OFFER TO SIAM

Bangkok, July 17. The Netherlands Government has offered to train four Siamese officials in modern air traffic and air communications problems.

According to an official announcement here, the offer was made by Holland "in gratitude for Siamese aid given to Dutch and Netherlands East Indies prisoners-of-war in camps in Siam during the last war." Reuter.

Rome, July 17.

The Italian Minister of Health stated today that reports of cholera in Milan were "absolutely untrue." Reuter.

Shah Of Persia In UK

The Duke of Gloucester's plane landed at Mohrabad airport here this afternoon to fly Shah Mohammed Reza, of Persia, to Britain, where he will stay at Buckingham Palace as the guest of the King and Queen.

The Shah is expected to leave Tehran tonight by way of Cyprus and Malta.

The Regency Council formed today includes the Shah's three brothers.

The Shah is expected to arrive at Malta tomorrow afternoon and will spend two days there before going on to Britain on Tuesday. Reuter.

Terrorists Hand Over Five Britons

Tel-Aviv, July 17.

Five Britons, arrested by the Irgun Zvai Leumi in Jerusalem on charges of espionage on behalf of the Arabs, were handed over to the Israel regular military authorities yesterday, it was learnt this afternoon.

The five men will be prosecuted on these charges at a public trial in Tel Aviv opening late this month.

Interviewed by A.P.P., two of the men, Bryant and Downes, expressed confidence. "We will prove that we are innocent," they stated.

Two other men, Silvestar and Ovgan, were depressed and declared, "We are sad."

The fifth prisoner, a man named Leech, who was wounded while fighting for the Arab Legion, asked to be treated as a prisoner of war and said, "I am an Arab officer."

All the prisoners said that they had been well-treated by the Irgun. Agency France-Press.

Hard Road To Get US Dollars

Sydney, July 18.

Australian Premier Joseph Chifley told the press today on his return to Sydney from a fortnight's round trip to London and Berlin that "the only real cure for the dollar disequilibrium is for the United States and 'hard currency' countries to buy something equivalent in value to what they are selling."

"That policy is unlikely to be adopted. It is going to be a long and hard road toward availability of dollars. Neither the United Kingdom nor Australia can solve the dollar question as a short-term problem."

Mr. Chifley declared that the main objective of his visit was to see how Britain and Australia could use to their best advantage their combined resources and further arrange to obtain from the dollar area only money supplied from hard currency countries.

He said he hoped that overall migration to Australia, including British, additional displaced persons and Italians, will be substantial. The present target of 70,000 annually, but added that large-scale British migration is impracticable at present because of the shipping shortage. Agency France-Press.

Soviet B-29 Counter Hinted

Berlin, July 18.

The Russians may send a squadron of "Soviet Superfortresses" to Germany as a reply to the United States action in sending 60 Superfortresses to Europe, political circles in close touch with the Soviet Military Administration reported tonight.

The Russian Chief of Staff, Lieutenant General G.S. Lukatsky, and General Alexander, the Soviet Air Chief in Germany, were in conference with other military leaders for most of the day, it was reported.

The "Russian Superfortresses," according to Soviet circles here, had been armed with powerful American counter-attack bombs, with a longer range and greater speed. It is reported to have been developed from an American machine which made a forced landing in Manchuria early in 1945. Reuter.

Planned Arrest Of Tito

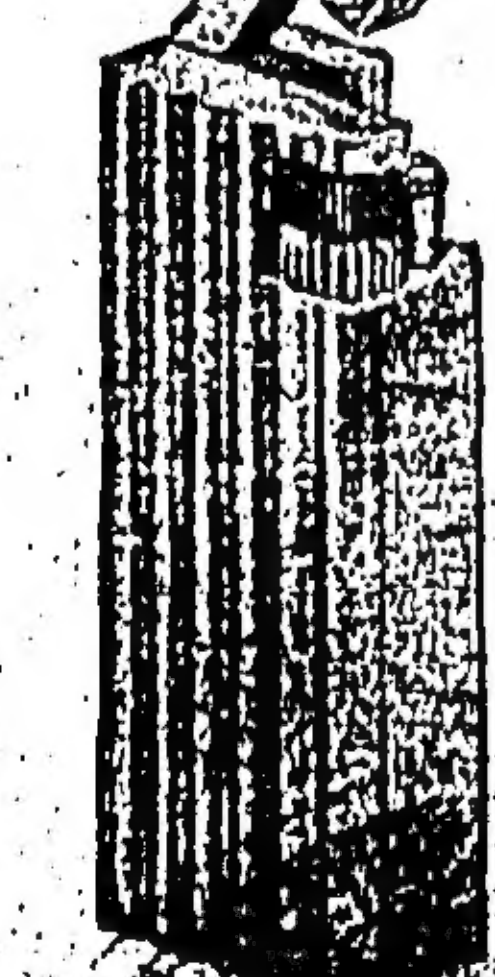
Paris, July 18.

The evening newspaper, Paris Soir, reported in a copyrighted article last night that the Soviet government planned the arrest of Marshal Tito and ship him to Russia before the Cominform denunciation was made public, but Tito had been "juggled off in time."

Quoting unnamed "authorised sources" of Allied secret services, the article stated: "The Cominform, especially its chief, Jdanov, decided to arrest Tito and judge him, even hang him, without trial, but the Yugoslav dictator was warned and the plot turned against the plotters."

The article alleged the Russian and another pro-Soviet agent were in Belgrade at the time with a plane, waiting to take Tito and Rankovitch to Moscow. United Press.

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FRENCH MILITARY BUDGET WILL BE SHOWDOWN

Canadian Chinese Charges

Nanking, July 18. The Chinese Government has instructed its embassy in Ottawa to investigate the charges made by resident Chinese organizations in Canada of alleged discrimination against Chinese immigration.

Sixteen Chinese groups, representing 35,000 Chinese, residing in Canada, had appealed to the Canadian Parliament for repeal of the discriminatory restrictions on Chinese immigration.

Informal sources here, meanwhile, reported that partial success has been achieved by the Chinese. As a result of negotiations conducted last year it was said that the Canadian Government had complied with the Chinese request to abolish the Chinese immigration act of 1923 and Canadian Chinese are now allowed to bring their wives and children under 18 years of age into Canada, on the sole condition that they renounced Chinese citizenship.

The Chinese Foreign Office, however, is said to be still negotiating with the Canadian Government in an effort to cancel the provision and enable them to retain their Chinese citizenship. —Reuter.

KUNMING RIOTING AT END

Nanking, July 17. The student riots in Kunming ended with hundreds of students who had barricaded themselves in the University building decided to evacuate after a 36-hour siege.

The students had been on strike since mid-June in a protest against a decision to prevent them from demonstrating against American policy toward Japan.

They decided to evacuate the University buildings on learning that the Governor of Yunnan, Mr. Lu Han, had given his word that they would be allowed to continue their studies, exception being made in the case of those responsible for the disturbances who are to be tried in court. —Agence France-Press.

SOVIETS ARREST AUSTRIAN

Vienna, July 17. A Ministry of the Interior communiqué announced that a second State police official was arrested on Friday by the Soviet authorities.

The communiqué said that Franz Mirnits was taken into custody by Soviet guards when he returned to Vienna from an official business trip to the British zone.

The communiqué said that Mirnits was detained by the Russians after they found his name on the list of wanted persons. —United Press.

Reminders

Today
Committee meeting, Ladies' Section, European YMCA, 10.45 a.m.
Official opening of Chinese YMCA nursery, Un Chau Street, Shamshulpo, by Lady Grantham.
Whist Drive, European YMCA, West Lounge, 8 p.m.

Coming Events
TOMORROW
H.K. Rotary Club luncheon, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Urban Council meeting, G.P.O. Bldg., 4.15 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Toc H Club meeting, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
THURSDAY
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Paris, July 17. The French Premier, M. Robert Schuman, today staked the Cabinet's existence on the result of a vote of confidence on the French military budget and by asking for the rejection of Socialist amendments calling for a twelve billion francs cut in the budget.

The division will take place on Monday as the constitution provides for a full day between announcement of the vote of confidence and the division.

M. Schuman pointed out that the Government accepted the first three billion cuts and then supplementary cuts of five billion francs, but could go no further.

"We are divided over an issue involving a few billion out of a total of three hundred billion," he stated. "If these differences lead to a dramatic disagreement, we cannot understand it and the country will not be able to understand it either."

The Premier said that the three hundred and thirty three and a half billion budget asked by the Government represented 31 per cent of the total national budget and, if the exceptional expenses due to the Indo-China and Madagascar operations were deducted, the military budget represented only 24 per cent of the total—the same percentage as before world war II.

Reds Want Cuts

The Premier hinted that the Socialist amendments were, in fact, personal attacks against the Minister of the Armed Forces, M. Pierre Teilhet.

"On behalf of the Government," he continued, "I declare that I cannot allow distrust to be directed against any one member of the Government. It must be directed against the Government as a whole. The Government has too much sense of its responsibility to accept another figure than that it proposed. If the House refuses to support the Government, it cannot remain in office."

A Communist speaker, M. Jacques Duclos, strongly advocated cuts in the military budget, and a Socialist member, M. Andre Philip, declared that large cuts were necessary for the sake of France's financial position.

The disagreement between the Government and the Socialists started when the Socialist Congress recently passed a resolution advocating 25 per cent cuts. —Agence France-Press.

Flood Threatens Kiukiang

Shanghai, July 18. Flood waters today threatened to engulf the entire former treaty port of Kiukiang after a continued overnight rise of the Yangtze tributaries inundated large portions of the city.

The Kiukiang authorities said this morning that over 21 blocks in the business district have been flooded and transportation is now by boat alone.

Measures have been taken in hand to prevent the flood reaching disaster proportions while civic bodies have begun dispensing relief to homeless poorer classes. —Reuter.

NEW PLAN FOR INDONESIA

Batavia, July 17. Non-Republican Indonesians who have been conferring at Bandung, West Java, today handed to the Dutch Lieutenant Governor-General, Dr. van Mook, proposals believed to be an independent plan to solve the political dispute between the Dutch and Republicans.

A deputation of the Prime Ministers of East Indonesia and West Java and the President of West Borneo handed the resolution to Dr. van Mook. —Reuter.

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Polio Conference Comes To End

New York, July 17. The First International Poliomyelitis Conference came to a close here today after week-long sessions that brought to light experiments that scientists hope may eventually lead to eradication of the dread disease.

Highlight of the meeting came yesterday when representatives of Johns Hopkins University and the University of Minnesota described highly successful experiments with vaccines and chemicals that produced immunisation of monkeys and rats.

In today's closing session two of the health experts declared there is no scientific reason for a hospital refusing to admit a poliomyelitis victim. Dr. Joseph G. Mooney, deputy commissioner of health of Detroit, Michigan, said poliomyelitis patients may be cared for in hospitals "if the usual precautionary measures used in the care of other types of diseases are invoked."

Loss Infections

"There is a need," he said, "for education of the hospital administrator as well as the medical man to the fact that poliomyelitis can be cared for in general hospitals during the acute stages as well as during the convalescent stages of the disease without risk to other patients." He said poliomyelitis is less infectious than many other diseases, adding it must be realized that it is no more a menace to an institution than any other communicable disease.

Dr. Claude W. Munger, director of St. Luke's Hospital, New York, reviewed various precautionary measures instituted during an epidemic. He advised public health authorities to keep

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Mr. R. Hazard, Australian Trade Commissioner, has returned to the Colony from a short trip to Australia.

SOLUTIONS TO PICTURE QUIZ

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PLAIN SPEAKING TO IRGUN DEMANDED

London, July 18.

The Economist, influential weekly, said today the British Government should demand the instant and unconditional release of five Englishmen kidnapped by Irgunists in Jerusalem.

The Englishmen were seized at a power house, a British undertaking in Palestine, by gunmen reputed to be members of the Irgun Zvai Leumi organisation. An Irgun announcement said they "are to be tried on some serious charge."

The policy of turning the other cheek can be carried too far, said the Economist, which raised the question as to whether Israeli authorities are in a position to exercise effective control in Palestine.

"It is right for a great power not to be carried away by passions and not to use violent methods where quiet ones will do, but a Government has a duty toward its citizens in circumstances where they have every right to its protection."

Still Has Means

The British Government still has means to enforce respect for its national legitimacy and peacefully occupied in Palestine, the Economist continued.

"The United Nations, as its past record shows, will do nothing that Britain does not do for itself. There are five British public servants to be rescued and their instant and unconditional release should be demanded in language which even the Irgun will understand."

"If, as has happened in the past, the Israeli authorities are ready to deplore the action but are not ready to call the Irgun to heel, the deduction is that they have not full control within their frontiers and that Israel is in no fit state to be recognised by any foreign Government. —Associated Press."

Signing Ceremony In Seoul

Seoul, July 17.

Dr. Syngman Rhee, Chairman of the Korean Legislative Assembly, today signed a constitution for "The Republic of Korea" in the presence of the Assembly, General John Hodge commanding the United States occupation troops, and foreign diplomats.

On Sel Chang, aged 84, the oldest living signatory of Korea's 1919 declaration of independence from Japan, led the cheers.

It was believed here that nominations for president would begin at the opening session of the Assembly next week. The constitution signed today was agreed to on July 12 by the Assembly elected on May 10 in the United States occupied southern Korea.

The Communist-controlled north Korea radio announced on July 10 that a "People's Republic" constitution was being enforced in that Russian-occupied region immediately, which would apply eventually to the whole country. —Reuter.

Bucharest, July 17.

The Rumanian Council of Ministers today denounced the Concordat with the Vatican reached in 1929. The decision was taken to fulfil the constitutional provision on the complete freedom of religion. Rador, the Rumanian news agency, said. —Reuter.

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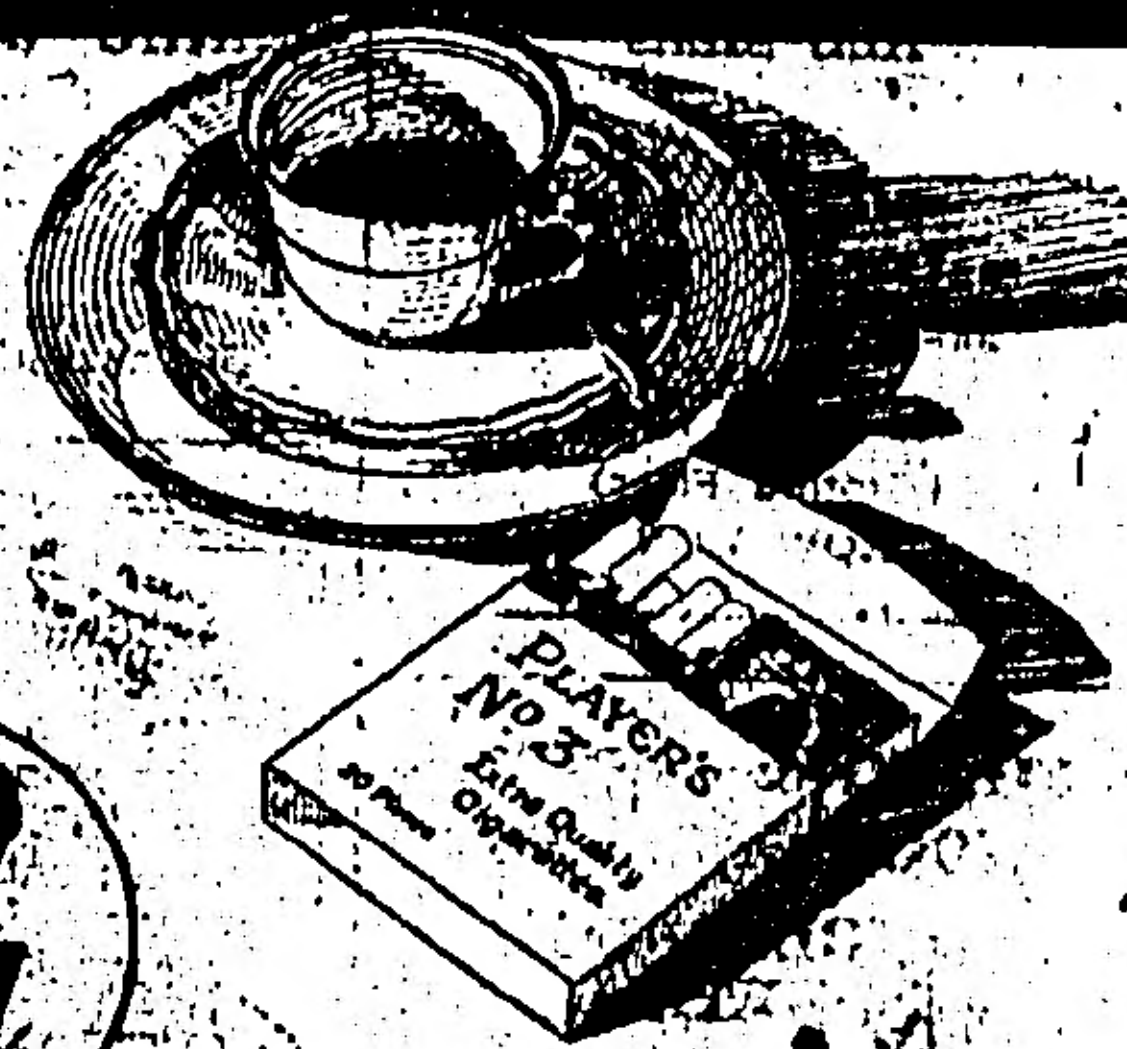
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CZECHOSLOVAKIA ACCUSES AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE PLAN TO MURDER PRAGUE LEADERS!

Prague, July 17.

A total of 79 "terrorists" belonging to "gangs sent from the American zone in Germany to murder Czech political leaders and to establish a spy network," were arrested by the police and army recently, according to a communiqué issued today by the Ministries of Interior and National Defence.

The communiqué stated that the first victim of the gang was the Chairman of the Federation of Czech Partisans, Major Augustin Sram, who was murdered in his flat on May 22 by a former member of the Socialist National Party, Milan Choc, who fled to Bavaria after the February developments in Czechoslovakia.

The second victim, added to the communiqué, was to have been the Defence Minister, General Ludvig Svoboda, who was to have been assassinated by a certain Miroslav Barak during the Sokol festivities.

His murder was to have been followed by attempts to kill six other political and military leaders, whose names were not disclosed by the communiqué.

All the prisoners are stated to have made full confessions.

The communiqué claimed that Milan Choc entered the service of the United States Intelligence in Bavaria, where he met another agent of the Americans, Joseph Vavra, nicknamed "Old Man," from Zlin, who was organising the terrorist gang and spy force by using reactionary Czech refugees in Germany.

According to the communiqué, the gang was placed under the orders of former Czech deputies who fled to Germany—Dr. Benza and Dr. Benda of the Catholic People's Party and Kovar and Busek of the Socialist National Party, who drew up the list of Czech leaders to be assassinated.

Arrested In Street

The terrorists are alleged to have crossed into Sudetenland, where they made their preparations.

Choc, said the communiqué, murdered Sram on May 27 but was arrested four days later at Olomouc with four accomplices. Barak was arrested in the streets when the communiqué continued, he was going to kill Svoboda and one of his staff officers.

An investigation led to the arrest of the whole gang, most members of which collaborated with the Nazis during the war, it was stated.

Five radio transmitters and large quantities of ammunition and pamphlets were seized. The communiqué stated that the terrorists were able to organise reactionary political demonstrations during the Sokol festivities.

America Accused

It is claimed that Choc confessed during questioning that American espionage services told the terrorists to cooperate with the Germans and to refrain from opposing the return of the Germans to Czechoslovakia because they would be unable, as political refugees, to achieve their object without German help.

The communiqué indicated that the 79 arrested persons were all young men, who fully confessed.

One American Intelligence agent, Vilem Kratochovic, managed to escape to Germany, while Vavra was also alleged to be staying in Germany at Bad Ort. The communiqué concluded

REDS GET TANKS FROM CEBU?

Manila, July 18.

The Evening News said without official confirmation that at least five United States Army surplus tanks had been shipped to the Chinese Communists aboard a Russian vessel, presumably from the port of Cebu City in Central Philippines.

The paper said the tanks, listed as scrap, actually were in fighting condition.

The paper said customs patrol agents and other Government investigators were working on the case and had placed an alien exporter, otherwise unidentified, under surveillance.

The Russian vessel, Momiels, recently delivered a shipment of surplus tanks to Cebu. Its departure was delayed by Customs in an effort to induce her captain to take four Soviet deportees aboard but the captain refused.

The Philippine Government has a rigid embargo on the shipment of arms from the country. The Department of Foreign Affairs professed no knowledge of a reported shipment of tanks.

Vicente Sabalvaro, manager of the National Development Company, said at no time has the Philippine Government granted permits for export of tanks or other war material.

Some arms, however, have been shipped surreptitiously. Sabalvaro thought it possible some arms may have been shipped to China from ports outside Manila if surplus materials were acquired directly from the United States Foreign Liquidation Commission.—Associated Press.

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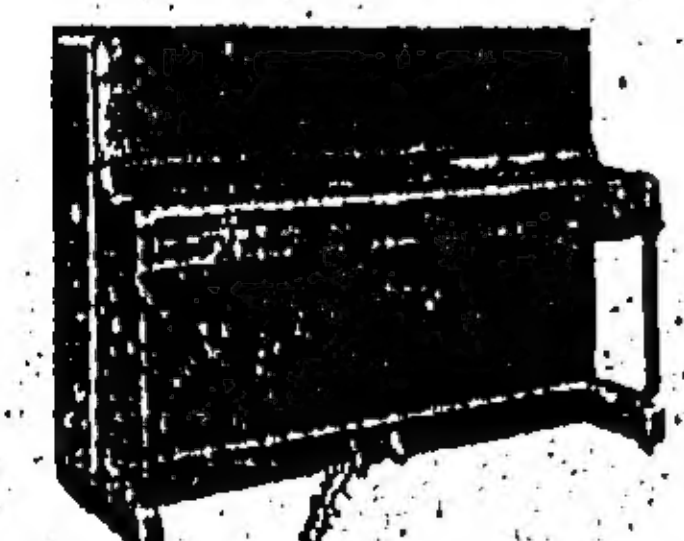
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Children's Village

Capton, July 18.

Mr. Aw Boon-haw, well-known "Tiger Balm King" of Hong Kong, has contributed CN\$100,000 million towards the setting up of a Kwangtung children's village, according to a local report.

The scheme is said to have been put forward by Madame T. V. Soong, wife of the Governor of Kwangtung.

No details of the reported scheme are at present available.—Reuter.

SNOW IN SYDNEY

Sydney, July 17.

Surprised Sydney citizens rubbed their eyes this morning when they awoke to find footpads covered with snow, a most unusual sight for this city.—Agence France-Presse.

Emergency On NW Frontier

Karachi July 17.

Abdul Gayum Khan, Premier of Pakistan's North West Frontier Province, says a "state of grave emergency has arisen on Pakistan frontiers which have become a potential danger to the defence and integrity of Pakistan."

He gave three reasons for the promulgation of a public safety ordinance during a press conference at Peshawar:

1. Indian forces advancing toward Muzaffargarh, a town inside the territory of the provisional Azad Kashmir Government and on the borders of Pakistan.

2. Red shirt leader Ghaffar Khan's speeches which he called highly inflammatory and inciting the people to revolt.

3. Attacks by the Fakir of Ipi on Pakistan police and military posts and creation of disorders when Ghaffar Khan was arrested by the provisional Government. The Premier said, however, that "complete quiet prevails in the province and on the borders. The Ipi conspiracy has been nipped in the bud and Pakistan's enemies hard hit."—Associated Press.

French Gesture

Ceded Territory Handed Back

Paris, July 17.

A Franco-Italian agreement whereby France returns to Italy 1,607 hectares of territory which was ceded to France under the Italian peace treaty, was signed here on July 8, it was officially announced today.

The announcement states that the agreement will be submitted to Parliament for ratification.

The agreement provided for border rectifications to Italy's advantage on four points:

(1) A 10,000,000 kilowatt power plant on Mont Cenis, which was ceded to France under the treaty with the proviso that France was to supply Italy with power, will be returned to Italy, involving the territorial cession of 1,250 hectares.

The power plant was inaccessible from the French side during five months of the year.

(2) A total of 88 hectares near the winter resort of Clavieres are ceded to Italy.

(3) Total of 128 hectares near the Italian village of Olivetta San Michele are ceded.

(4) The water pump and canal near Alrolo in the Ventimiglia district, involving 87 hectares are ceded to Italy because these water supplies are necessary for the functioning of the Italian power plant.

Italy promised to build the power plant on the lower reaches of the Roya River, so as to ensure water supplies for the French city of Mentone and to grant travelling, tourist and commercial facilities to French traffic on the Mentone-Ventimiglia-Broglio road and on the new road to be built between Echelle Pass and Bardonecchia.

It was emphasised that the agreement would tend to restore Franco-Italian friendship and would improve the situation of the border population.—Agence France-Presse.

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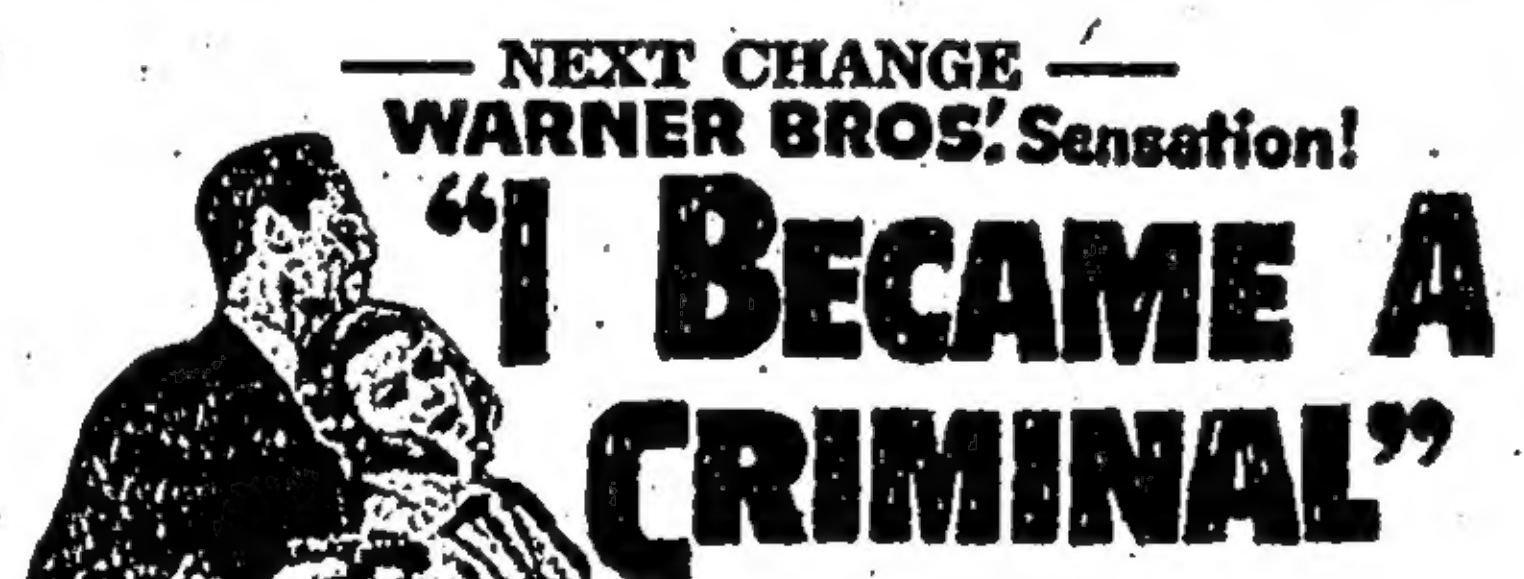
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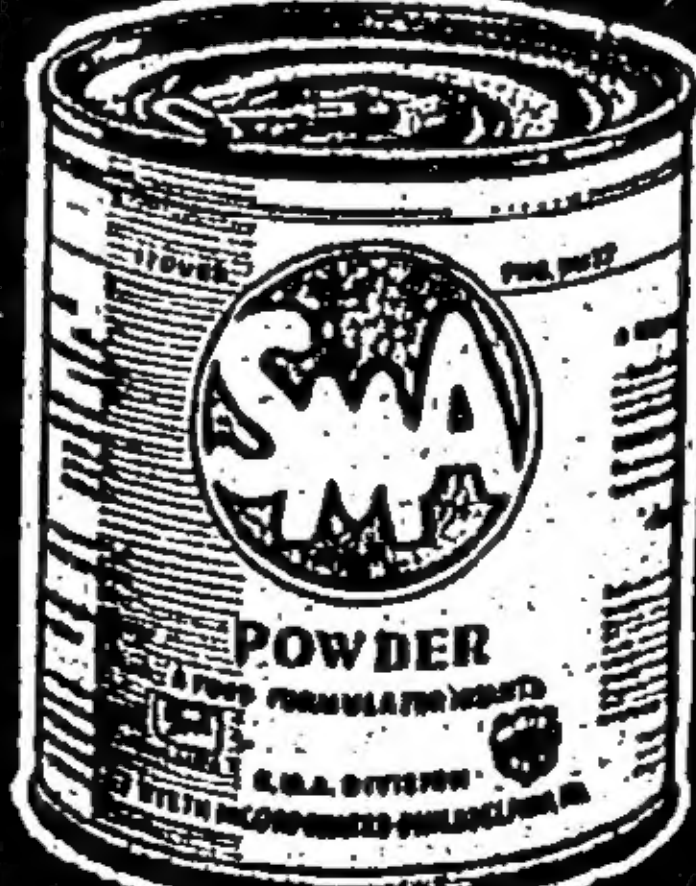
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OZORIO.—On Sunday, July 11, 1948, at his residence, 651/D, 23 Welhamway Road, Shanghai, Francisco Carlos (Chico) Ozorio, dearly beloved husband of Mrs. Alina Ozorio, father of Mae and brother of Hilda and Josephine.

COMMONWEALTH
AND UNION

There have been many changes since the last meeting of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers held in 1946 and it is widely agreed that another conference is urgently needed. Among the questions likely to be discussed are defence, economic co-operation, emigration and the concept of the Western Union. Britain is today both more Europe-minded and more Commonwealth-minded than she has perhaps ever been in the past. For the security of the world it is necessary to build up a third power, which can stand on its own between Russia in the East and the United States in the West. Britain is necessary as a link between Western Europe and the Commonwealth. But there are many questions which Commonwealth governments want to ask. Field-Marshal Smuts raised some of them in his Empire Day broadcast. "Can Britain," he asked, "be a leading or important member of both the Commonwealth and the Western Union?"

Then again, after the Brussels pact was signed, there was a statement to the effect that the five countries might have to consider a new 'development and re-orientation of the pattern of production,' so that the industry of each country can to a certain extent be part of a general plan. Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, has stated that the ultimate goal must be a wholly new conception of sovereignty throughout the world. He has also repeatedly insisted how important it is to integrate the planning for a new Western Europe with planning for Commonwealth and Colonial development. Then there is the important question of emigration. Some people believe that the Dominions would benefit by opening their doors wide to immigrants from Europe as well as from the United Kingdom as the United States did in the past.

National exclusiveness will, probably, make such ideas unpopular both in Britain and in the Dominions. A world organisation, such as has been outlined, is still a long way round the corner of history. But because the world is divided into two, it has become all the more necessary that Western Europe, the British Commonwealth and the United States of America should work out a system of defence and economic co-operation. During and after the last war, many of us wrote and talked about defence systems within the Commonwealth which would be integrated by a Commonwealth General Staff. Such ideas were discussed when the Prime Ministers last met in 1946 but they were not popular.

Mr. St. Laurent, Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs, has recently recommended that the free nations of the world should form their own closer association for collective defence under article 61 of the Charter of the United Na-

in the race for leadership in international airways, the chief contestants are Britain and the United States. The services of both countries are evenly matched if judged by safety standards, regularity and frequency, but the United States has one advantage over Britain. Her airline companies operate a larger number of modern airliners. Why this should be explained by history. Eight years ago, war forced Britain to choose, either to abandon the making of transport aircraft and import the mobility of her Armed Forces, or to continue manufacture, and risk defeat in air by an air force more numerous than her own. She could not buy the military aircraft of the calibre she needed elsewhere; at that time her own factories were her only source of supply.

A pact with the United States resolved her problem. Under it, Britain's aircraft industry concentrated on warplanes; in return, the United States supplied the bulk of Britain's needs in transport aircraft. Britain knew that a price would have to be paid, but in those desperate days all her thoughts and energies were centred on survival. The agreement, although logical and wise, meant that the industry which was then building the world's finest warplanes would suffer a break of unspecified duration in the design and construction of transport aircraft when aeronautical engineering was advancing more rapidly than at any time in history. Peace revealed the true measure of the penalty which the break imposed on Britain's commercial air services. To maintain essential routes on a scale matching their importance, Britain had to convert and adapt warplanes to civil use, buy United States aircraft being into use Ju.52s from Germany.

New Air Network

These were drastic but necessary measures. The alternative was to cut down services, a step which would have robbed Britain of her place among the leaders on the international airways. With a mixed and variously contrived fleet she has now built up an air route network of 86,000 unduplicated miles.

Some years may pass before the last traces of Britain's handicap vanish. The design, construction and testing of a new airliner, and then its production in large numbers, is a slow process, and the larger the aircraft the longer the period before it can be used commercially. But new types are on the way. Some have advanced far enough to kindle optimism to offer proof that the ingenuity, skill and natural gifts that made such warplanes as the Spitfire, Hurricane, Beaufighter, Mosquito, Halifax and Lancaster unsurpassable in their time are still able, in spite of six arduous years of war, to produce air transports which bear comparison with any made throughout the world.

The evidence comes from the first three of the true post-war generation of Britain's airliners; that is from those types which owe little or nothing, structurally to any previous aircraft. They are the Dove (8-11 seater) the Marathon (14-20 seater) and the Ambassador (24-48 seater). All three have graceful and beautiful lines, have obviously been designed with fastidious care and built by competent craftsmen. Closely following them come others of the same generation. Largest of them all is the Brabazon 1. The first of this series of eight-engined, 127-ton transatlantic landplanes will be used for research and experiment so that later Brabazon 1's may profit by discoveries made with the prototype.

Another 'guinea-pig' is already flying. That is the four-engined Hermes II, predecessor of the Hermes IV and Hermes V medium-to-long-range airliners, the prototypes of which will soon be in the air. The Apollo and the Viscount, two medium-range airliners, are nearing completion, and three huge transoceanic flying-boats, the SR.45's—rivaling the Brabazon 1 in size—are beginning to take shape.

Most ambitious project of all is the Comet, not because of its size but because of its novelty. It is to be Britain's first operational jet airliner, and will fly the North Atlantic route. Gas-Turbine Engines. A long-term programme of research undertaken to discover the value of the gas-turbine to commercial aviation in its turbo-jet and turbo-prop forms has yielded such encouraging results that this new engine has been specified not only for types which have yet to make their appearance but also for later versions of those already flying with piston engines.

The SR.45's will have ten turbo-prop engines; the later Brabazon 1's eight; the Apollo, the Viscount and the Hermes V will each have four. Types for which change-over plans have been made include the Ambassador, Marathon and Dove.

So far as is known, the Comet is Britain's only pure-jet operational airliner at present under construction. Experimentally, a Tudor and a Viking have both been fitted with jet engines—the former with four in two nacelles, the latter with two. The all-jet Viking won the honour of being the first airliner in any country to take off and fly on jets alone. In previous British experiments with airliners the jet engines have been partnered by piston engines.

By SIDNEY
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The Air Bridge
To Berlin

The Royal Air Force Transport Command's share in the carrying of necessities to Berlin has been organised on much the same lines as the big air transport operations which served the swift advances of the British Army through Belgium and South-West Germany in the later stages of the war. That is to say, it has been based on a tried system of air control on relatively short hauls and on a quick turn-round at both ends.

During the first week of the operation, restricted though the air corridor is between the West and Berlin, nothing like saturation had been reached on the air route. The limiting factor was likely to be the capacity of Gatow Airfield for handling and unloading aircraft on the ground. Taking the fleet of transport aircraft as it stood at the end of the first week, the rate of the turn-round was remarkably good. The distance from the airfield at Wunstorf, near Hannover, to Gatow was just 150 miles. Two-engine Dakotas fully loaded flew that journey; were back at Wunstorf within two hours and a half. The faster four-engine Yorks, with nearly twice the cargo to be unloaded, made the same double journey in two hours ten minutes. Having these facts at one's disposal and knowing that some two hundred journeys were made on a normal day, there would be little difficulty in estimating the number of aircraft on duty. The Russians apparently distrusted reports of the high intensity of the operation for they had observers noting the identification number of all aircraft using the corridor and they must have satisfied themselves early in the second week that the same air-

These are all types sponsored by the United Kingdom Government in its efforts to repair the aircraft industry's break in the design and construction of air transports. Others that have had Government backing for different reasons include the Bristol 170, the Viking, Concordin, Merganser, Sealand amphibian, the Prince and the Tudor series of four-engined long-range airliners.

The United Kingdom aircraft industry's postwar production and planned production of civil air transports covers a wide and diverse range of types. If present progress is maintained, and all airliners yet to make their appearance reveal the same qualities as those now flying, the United States' advantage, within the next five years, will gradually decline and vanish.

Then, on equal terms with her powerful rival, Britain will offer a still more vigorous challenge. Then, too, she will remember with gratitude, the oddly assorted qualities which enabled her to overcome crippling handicaps and to build up the globe-encircling system of air routes from which she will launch her bid for airlines supremacy.

By

E. COLSTON

the Army. Then, loads were largely fuel and ammunition for mechanised units. I often saw 60 transport aircraft on an airfield at one time and the business of bringing in fresh arrivals and sending out supplies was being conducted in an orderly fashion while lorries, backed up to every transport, swiftly cleared the loads. One boon these operations needed was reasonably dry weather. That is even more essential in Germany. Little trouble had been taken by the Germans up to the end of the war to make their airfields landing good standing ground for fleets of aircraft in wet weather. It is still difficult at many German airfields. That trouble was met at Wunstorf during the first week of the air service to Berlin.

WALLACE MESSAGE TO
THE "RED DEAN"

A telegram from Henry A. Wallace was loudly cheered today by 1,100 delegates at the opening of a peace conference sponsored by the British Communist newspaper, Daily Worker. The Daily Worker editor, William Rust, read to the audience the following telegram Mr. Henry A. Wallace sent to the "Red Dean" of Canterbury, Dr. Hewlett Johnson, who is the conference chairman.

"Delighted to learn how vigorously the peace organisations of Britain are joining together. Please express my regards to the conference and my hope that public sentiment in England will be aroused on behalf of abiding peace."

WALLACE PARTY'S
CONVENTION

Philadelphia, July 18.

The Third Party movement of Henry A. Wallace began assembling here today to arrange for the party's first national convention which opens next Friday.

The three-day convention will adopt a name for the party and officially choose its standard bearers in 1948. Wallace will be elected Presidential nominee and Senator Glen T. Taylor of Idaho will be picked as his Vice-Presidential running mate. They are expected to make their acceptance speeches on Saturday night at a rally at Shibe Park.

The convention will open on Friday morning in the convention hall, scene of the recent Republican and Democratic conventions. The first session will feature the keynote address, the report of the Arrangements Committee, the nomination and election of permanent officers, and the adoption of a name for the party. Prominently mentioned for the keynote job is Charles P. Howard, 63-year-old Negro attorney and Des Moines newspaper publisher. C. B. Baldwin, Wallace's campaign manager, said that Howard, who was formerly chairman of the Negro Division of Iowa Republicans, resigned from the County Central Committee early this year to support Wallace.—United Press.

Health Service
Launched
Without Fuss

Britain's new "cradle to the grave" State medical service is only a few days old. But it is already possible to say that it has been successfully launched. Seldom if ever has such a widespread reform, affecting every man, woman and child in the country, come into operation with so little fuss and trouble.

"Don't rush the new service. Don't expect too much to begin with," said Mr. Aneurin Bevan, Britain's Health Minister. There was no rush for treatment on the new "no doctor's bills" basis. Existing patients simply registered themselves with their doctors and by the time the service was 24 hours old 7,500,000 people had put down their names. Application for enrollment are coming in steadily from people who are not at present under medical care.

By G. GRAFTON
GREEN

There is no time limit on registration, but people who wait too long may find that their favourite doctor has reached his maximum of 4,000 patients and is unable to accept them.

From now on nobody in the country need ever again receive a doctor's bill—and that goes for visitors as well as the inhabitants. One of the first people to get benefit under this scheme was a Canadian visitor to London who walked into a doctor's surgery complaining of a sore throat.

When he was told there would be no charge he said: "Well, this beats anything I ever met before." It was the same in 2,751 hospitals throughout the country. So far as the patients were concerned there was no change at all. Treatment went on in exactly the same way; accident cases received just the same prompt attention. But there will be no bills.

And what of the comprehensive National Insurance Scheme of which the medical service is a part? When the day arrived 7,000 clerks at the headquarters of the Ministry of National Insurance at Newcastle-on-Tyne were waiting to deal with the 30,000 claims which they expect to handle each day. The first claim was received at 9 a.m. It had been dealt with by 9.25 a.m. and a telegram was sent to the Minister, Mr. James Griffiths, at the House of Commons telling him that the system was in operation. So efficiently has it been organised that any one of the 26,000,000 names recorded as being eligible for benefit can be checked in one minute.

It will be many months yet before the full effects of Britain's new social security system can be assessed. There will doubtless be "teething troubles" to be overcome (conditions of dentists'...

participation are still the subject of discussion) but it has made a good start. If in the light of experience modifications are found necessary they will be made. It has always been a keynote of Britain's national planning that it should be flexible.

The reformed education system worked out in the darkest days of the war is developing. The Central Advisory Council to Britain's Ministry of Education has, for instance, been finding out what boys and girls do in their leisure time and whether they have sufficient facilities for recreation.

They have now asked the Minister to recommend to local authorities that play facilities should be improved and that they should set up local committees to arrange leisure facilities for school-children. Some local authorities have already anticipated the suggestions.

In East Suffolk, for example, it has been decided to plant trees specially for climbing in school playgrounds. This, says the local education committee, is being done "to offer scope for free physical activity, and imaginative play."

Among the most popular out-of-school activities are conducted tour to learn how Britain's industries work. Many children were being taken last week to factories to see the greatest agricultural exhibition, the Royal Show, which is being held at York near the centre of Britain's largest county famous for its agriculture as much as for its textiles.

It is a 100 years since the Royal Show was first held at York and 100 years since it began. At that first show which covered seven acres there were 18 horses and 12 pigs. Contrast that with the 1,103 entries of 18 breeds of cattle, 500 horses, 490 entries of 20 sheep breeds, 339 pigs and 100 goats exhibited there today.

This great show—another proof that Britain is still the home of world pedigree stock—includes in its mechanical sections nearly 40 inventions. King George VI, who is a keen farmer, is one of the exhibitors.

For 10 days the King and Queen Elizabeth with Princess Margaret have been in Scotland combining a holiday with visits to many sections of Scottish life from factories to folk dances. On one day the King went to Muirfield to watch Henry Cotton playing in the concluding stages of the British Open Golf Championship which he won against strong American competition.

BULGANIN
RATTLES
SABRE

London, July 17. Armed Forces Minister of the Soviet Union, Nikolai Bulganin, said tonight Russia is successfully developing our multi-engine and jet propelled aviation. The Moscow radio announced.

His order was brief and addressed to Soviet aviation industry workers as well as military fliers. The Moscow radio said Bulganin wished to both groups 'new successes' in the sphere of further development of modern aviation techniques.

—Associated Press.

Van Mook
To Be
Supplanted?

Bandoeng, July 17. A plan to supplant Acting Governor General Hubertus J. Van Mook with a three man Indonesian directorate, will be submitted at Batavia and to the Netherlands, it was learned reliably today.

Informants said the plan, calling also for the earliest possible formation of an interim government, was drawn up eight days ago by chiefs of autonomous areas and by Prime Ministers of states not part of the Indonesian Republic. The directorate would be chosen from among Indonesian leaders.

The proposal was reported to be in the hands of Professor Karel Enthoven, who will leave on Monday for the Hague.—Associated Press.

GUN ACCIDENT

Singapore, July 17. Mr. John B. Archer, former Chief Secretary of Sarawak, died today from wounds received in a gun accident, the Singapore Sunday Times reported. According to the Singapore Sarawak correspondent of the paper, Mr. Archer, who was 55, was found lying seriously wounded at his home and died later in hospital.—Reuter.

DANGEROUSLY NEAR TO WAR

Hotheads Of The Kremlin In Control?

Washington Fears Of Rash Action In Berlin

Washington, July 18.

Top American opinion is that the Russians are pressing the Berlin crisis dangerously close to open warfare. There is a strong belief among high officials that the hot heads in the Politbureau have gained the upper hand over those who normally might caution restraint.

ODIOUS FORM OF BLACKMAIL

Guildford, July 17.

Mr. Anthony Eden, former Foreign Secretary, today condemned as "a particularly odious form of international blackmail" the Soviet blockade of the Western sectors of Berlin.

Speaking in Guildford a few hours after his return from Berlin, Mr. Eden, who is deputy leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons, declared: "The overwhelming majority of Britishers today is earnestly insistent that the Western powers should stay in Berlin. There is no doubt about that. We cannot let these people down."

If the Western powers were to give way in Berlin, "we should strike a shattering blow to our hopes of building a peaceful and democratic Germany which, under proper safeguards, can play its full part in restoring Europe's broken economy."

He continued: "Surely the leaders of the Soviet Union can recall the truth. Certainly their country, which suffered so grievously and so gallantly in the war, has as much to gain from an assured peace as any other country in the world."

Mr. Eden said that he had noticed that Soviet propaganda was complaining that the constant roar of American and British aircraft over Berlin was imposing a strain on the people. "I would reply," said Mr. Eden, "that never in all history was so much noise welcome to so many."—Reuter and Agence France-Press.

PARLIAMENT STANDING BY FOR CRISIS

London, July 17.

The Government will hold Parliament at the stand ready while tension over Berlin continues.

It is almost certain that Parliament will merely adjourn for the summer recess on July 30 instead of being ended for the session.

By this device, the Government can re-summon Parliament within a day, by radio announcement and press notice, should urgent need arise.

A new session, with an official opening by the King, might involve three days delay.

Labour begins its fourth year of Government in Britain on July 26 and party organisations throughout the country are being kept up for a great electioneering spirit in the 20 months or so before Parliament is dissolved.

Leaders of the Party realise that they cannot go to the country and ask for a fresh mandate merely on their past records. They are acutely conscious of the fact that many of the Labour slogans that served so well in opposition are now out of date.

Nearly all the legislative plans announced in the Party's manifesto have been carried out.

There is an anxious search for new slogans and for a development policy for which the 1945/50 legislative programme can provide the foundation.

A "second five year plan" should be the outcome. The kernel of this plan, it is believed, will be a determined attempt to provide a new incentive and enthusiasm among the industrial population by a picture of "humanised" conditions under state-owned industry.

This will be related to the background of social security, provided by the Government's great new health, unemployment and pensions scheme, which came into full operation this month.

The legitimate place of private enterprise and the profit motive in a largely state-owned industry will undoubtedly be indicated, and a flat out drive made to counter the Conservative plans to attract the middle class—unpredictable—voter.—Reuter.

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BEA Claim Renewed

London, July 17.

Britain has renewed her claims to the Soviet Government for compensation for the loss of the British European Airways airliner and the lives of the passengers and crew at Gatow airport, Berlin, last April.

The aircraft collided with a Yak fighter. A usually well-informed source today said that "Britain would take the case to the Hague International Court if the Soviets continue to refuse to pay compensation."—Reuter.

"PEACE OR WAR IN 90 DAYS"

Des Moines, Iowa July 17.

The United States and England have decided on a showdown with Russia to achieve a peaceful settlement even at the risk of war, Gardner Cowles said tonight in a despatch from England to the Des Moines Register.

Cowles, president of the Register and of Look Magazine, added: "Our only hope is to convince the Kremlin we're ready to fight as the only alternative to further appeasement and retreat by us in Eastern Europe, then Russia will decide the time has come for a general peace settlement."

Cowles reported that the British and Americans have concluded that continuation of the present constant threat and apprehension of war would prevent any real recovery in Western Europe, even with aid under the Marshall plan.

"Hence the only alternative is to try to force a general peace settlement, settling the boundary of the Soviet sphere of influence at a line we feel we can permanently hold by military, economic and political means," Cowles said.

"Then and only then do our officials feel Western Europe and England can permanently be reconstructed."

This is the meaning of our present firmness in Berlin, Cowles said.

"The next 90 days will bring war or the basis of a permanent peace. Between top men in the Kremlin it will be decided which it is to be," the publisher said.—Associated Press.

SHAMEEN AFFAIR SUSPECTS

Canton, July 18.

Twenty-nine people are reported to be still in custody as suspects for the Shameen Incident on Jan. 16.

The residential wing of the British Consulate-General is rapidly approaching the end of its repairs. Repair work on the badly damaged Consulate offices has not yet begun.—Reuter.

der was issued a week ago but had not been enforced until Saturday.—Associated Press.

CHINESE AIRLINES' PETROL SHORTAGE

Shanghai, July 18.

China's two major airlines—the China National Aviation Corporation and the Central Air Transport Corporation—are suspending all passenger reservations from today because of mounting operational costs, mainly of gasoline, and the failure of the Ministry of Communications to approve an upward revision of the fares.

A spokesman of the two companies revealed that the airlines, which have received no foreign exchange allotments from the Government for the past two months, will however attempt to keep mail service open.

They said the companies are operating on a short-range policy as a result of dwindling funds, and will now purchase their gasoline supplies on a day to day basis.

This will mean that the number of flights on certain routes may have to be drastically cut down to keep all routes open on the limited gasoline supplies.

Already flights to interior cities in some cases have been curtailed.—Reuter.

GLUBB PASHA TO STAY

Cairo, July 17.

It was officially announced today that Glubb Pasha would remain at the head of the Arab Legion, despite the present violent Arab campaign against him following the British refusal to fulfill certain clauses of the Anglo-Transjordanian Treaty.—Agence France-Press.

Nanking And Peace With Japan

Nanking, July 18.

The Executive Yuan is expected to consider sometime this week a resolution passed by the Control Yuan yesterday, urging the early convocation of a Japanese peace treaty conference.

The measure was passed after a heated debate during which a group of legislators criticised it for its softness and demanded an investigation into the Foreign Office's handling of negotiations for convening a peace conference.

They urged that the bill be widened in scope to include all such outstanding foreign issues as the Kowloon squatters incident and the closing of Chinese schools in Siam.

Mr. Tsou Lu, a Kuomintang elder and co-author of the bill, upon the day, however, when in accordance with his appeal the House passed the measure in its original form.

He said no investigation was necessary as it is obvious that the Foreign Office had failed to take the initiative by the fact that a peace treaty had not yet been concluded nearly three years after cessation of hostilities.

The bill was carried by 30 votes to eight.—Reuter and Associated Press.

FRENCH STRIKE CALLED OFF

Paris, July 17.

The civil service strikes which had plagued the French Government for the past week and a half, are dying out today.

Unions controlling 60,000 postal, telephone and telegraph workers last night called off the strike.

Union officials said they were satisfied with the progress of the wage talks.

Virtually the only Ministry still on strike was the Ministry of Finance, and Government has announced that it is near agreement with the workers.—United Press.



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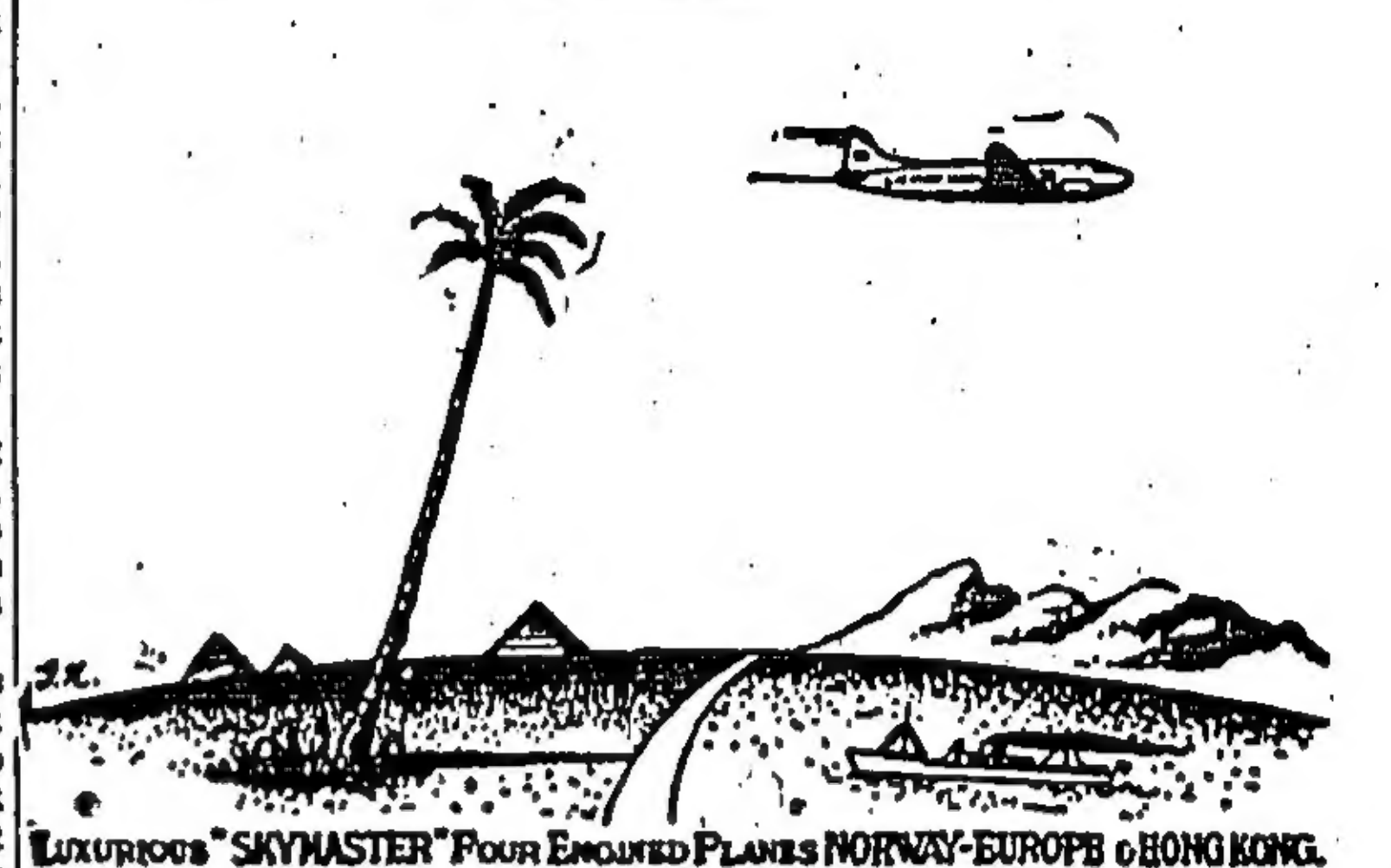
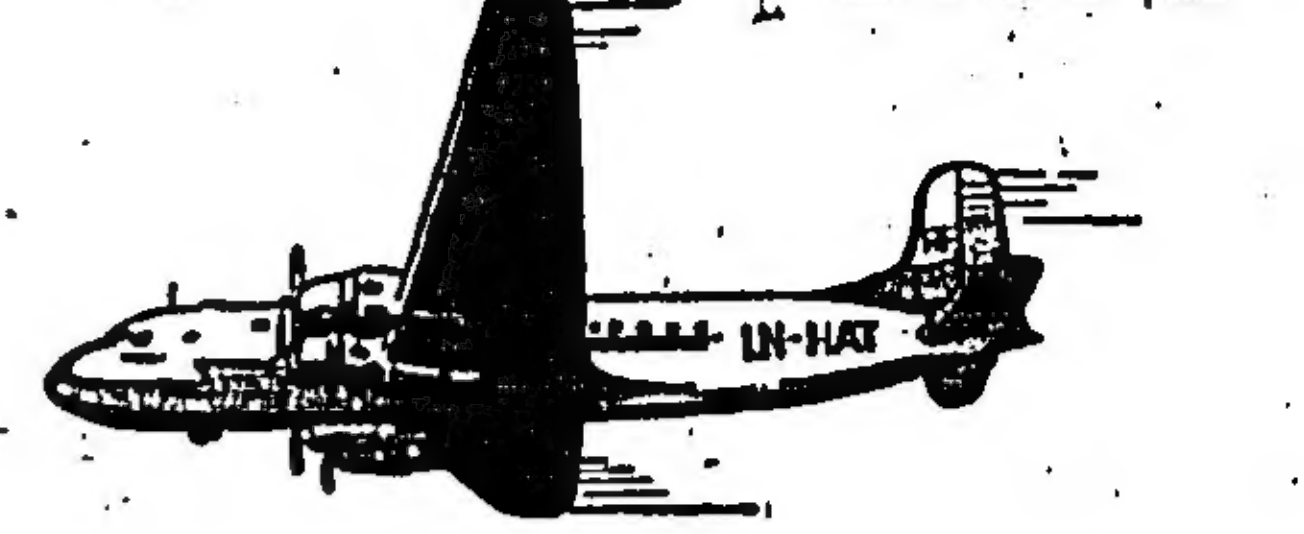
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LONDON TAKES CALM VIEW OF SITUATION IN BERLIN POKER GAME FOR HIGH STAKES

London, July 17.

Authoritative sources admitted today that a four power conference on all Germany probably was the only alternative to a dangerous showdown with the Russians, which no one wants, over Berlin.

There will be a lot of give and take before that stage is reached. And this approach does not fit in very neatly with the arrival here of 60 Superfortresses, which supports the showdown theory.

But these reliable sources insist the Western powers are not considering a final showdown and are not considering an ultimatum now.

Instead, they said the next Western reply to Russia's refusal to lift the Berlin blockade is more likely to reassert even more rigorously than before, the West's rights to be in Berlin and then seek to steer the crisis in the direction of negotiations rather than a showdown.

For the moment, the West is at a standstill. The United States, Britain and France, have postponed any action on the crisis until after the "Western Union" meeting at The Hague next week.

While there, the British Foreign Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin and the French Foreign Minister, Mr. Georges Bidault, will survey the problem and seek the advice of the Benelux Foreign Ministers and may be ready by mid-week to draft a reply to Moscow.

The Alternatives

Ultimately, authoritative sources here said, the alternatives appear to be:

Firstly, four power negotiations. Secondly, abandon Berlin. Thirdly, a military showdown with the Russians—which means war. The participants in this high stake poker game are inclined

His 100th Conviction

Luton, July 17. George Elliott, 49, of no fixed address, received his one hundredth conviction at Luton today when he was sent to prison for three months for theft.

Detective Inspector Sanders said "Elliott has 99 convictions—99 not out."

Elliott appeared on remand on a housebreaking charge which was reduced to one of theft of a tin of vegetable salad from a house in New Bedford Road, Luton—Associated Press.

now to let Berlin provoke another war. The West are so firmly committed at this time that they cannot abandon Berlin.

Both the West and Russian notes agree only on one point—desirability of settling such disputes by negotiations. The major question is:

On whose terms would such a four power conference be called? The West demanded an immediate and complete lifting of the Berlin blockade and Russian acknowledgment of the West's right to remain in Berlin before there can be any talk of negotiations.

In all the three Western countries, especially Britain and America, responsible officials have taken a very firm stand. They have not left much room for manoeuvring. And in each of the Anglo-Saxon countries, the opposition to the present administration probably favour even more than a firm stand.

Mr. Churchill

British Conservatives, led by Mr. Winston Churchill, consider the present issue comparable to Munich. Mr. Churchill is urging the West to take the stand he thinks they should have taken at Munich in 1938. There is a feeling here that any sign of weakening by the Truman administration might be immediately injected into the current campaign issues.

But against the complicated background stands the last paragraph of the West's original note to Russia calling for negotiation to settle such problems—and a paragraph in the Soviet reply "not objecting to negotiations" but refusing preliminary conditions or limited negotiations on just Berlin.

Diplomats here hope that as far apart as those positions are now, there is room there for manoeuvring toward negotiations. —United Press.

BELGRADE GETS SPY FEVER

Prague, July 17.

An official announcement in Belgrade said today that anti-Communist spies bribed in Italy and the United States zone of Austria have been entering Yugoslavia since Marshal Tito was expelled from the Cominform.

The Yugoslav news agency said the trial of 94 Ustaichi spies in Zagreb, which opened last month, has been postponed "due to the fact that the indictment has been extended to a new group of spies and terrorists who crossed into Yugoslavia illegally of late and even during the trial itself."

Testimony during the five days of the show-window trial charged that the spies were bribed by "Vatican agents" in Rome and by officers of "a foreign power" in Salzburg, which is the U.S. zone of Austria.—United Press.

Mr Draper In Paris

Paris, July 17.

The United States Assistant Secretary for War, Mr. William Draper, arrived by air today from Berlin. He was accompanied by General Tate and several other United States personalities.

Mr. Draper is to leave Paris for Washington tonight. He has recently visited Austria, Turkey, Greece, the Free Territory of Trieste and Germany.

Mr. Draper had an interview with the ERP ambassador at large, Mr. Averell Harriman, on the situation prevailing in Austria and Germany within the framework of ERP. Informed sources stated.—Agence France-Press.

BELGRADE BANS SALE OF RED BULLETINS

Bucharest, July 17.

Yugoslavia has banned the sale of the Cominform's bulletins which have been blasting the regime of Premier Marshal Tito.

The latest bulletin of the Communist Information Bureau, issued 48 hours late, protests the ban as "another disgraceful act" and orders that the Yugoslav edition of the bulletin be suspended.

The new Communist propaganda offensive against Tito includes a virulent article by Ana Pauker, Foreign Minister of Rumania, who declared that the liquidation of Tito's regime "is a matter of life and death to the Yugoslav Communist Party."

Mistakes of the "Bureaucratic regime in the Yugoslav Communist Party" cannot be righted, Mrs. Pauker says, adding that "the system prevailing inside the Communist party of Yugoslavia reflects the profoundly incorrect and harmful attitude of its leaders."

More than three of the bulletin's six pages are devoted to belabouring Tito's alleged heresies. One page is given over to resolutions by other Communist parties condemning the Yugoslav attitude. There also are articles by the Soviet writer P. Yudin and by I. Rautu, the Press Chief of the Rumanian Communist party.

when they try to go ahead on their own they are hopeless. Rautu devoted himself to an analysis of the Yugoslav Party, once again accusing it of breaking away from the tenets of Marx and Lenin.

West Mistaken?

Mrs. Pauker's attack accused the party in Yugoslavia of opposing the study of Stalin's "short history of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union" on the grounds that it might result in the application of the Russian experience in Yugoslavia.

She accused the Yugoslav leadership of cloaking themselves in aloofness and secrecy and losing contact with the masses. In fact, she said, the Yugoslav Communists behave as if they were an underground movement.

Finally, she says the West is wrong if it thinks "the United Socialist Front" has been weakened. She said open discussions only strengthen the Communist case.—Associated Press.

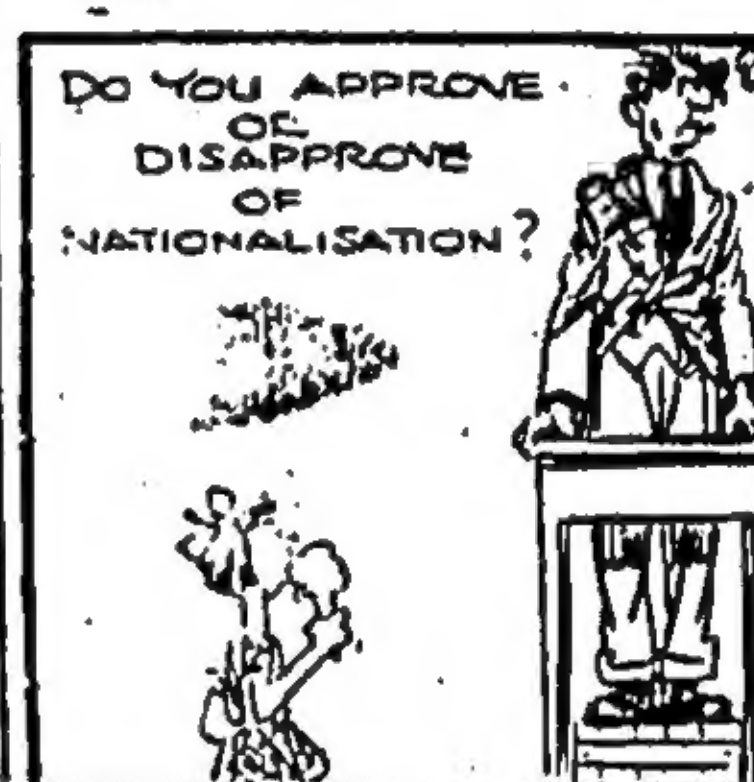
Stillman Visit To US

Shanghai, July 18.

Mr. Charles I. Stillman, head of the United States Aid Survey Mission here, will personally request the American Government to make no reduction in the grants earmarked for reconstruction projects in this country when he visits Washington, according to semi-official Chinese sources here.

Mr. Stillman will probably take off here early next month. On the basis of his report, Mr. Paul Hoffman, ECA Administrator, will decide on a plan for the distribution of supplies to China under the American aid programme.—Reuter.

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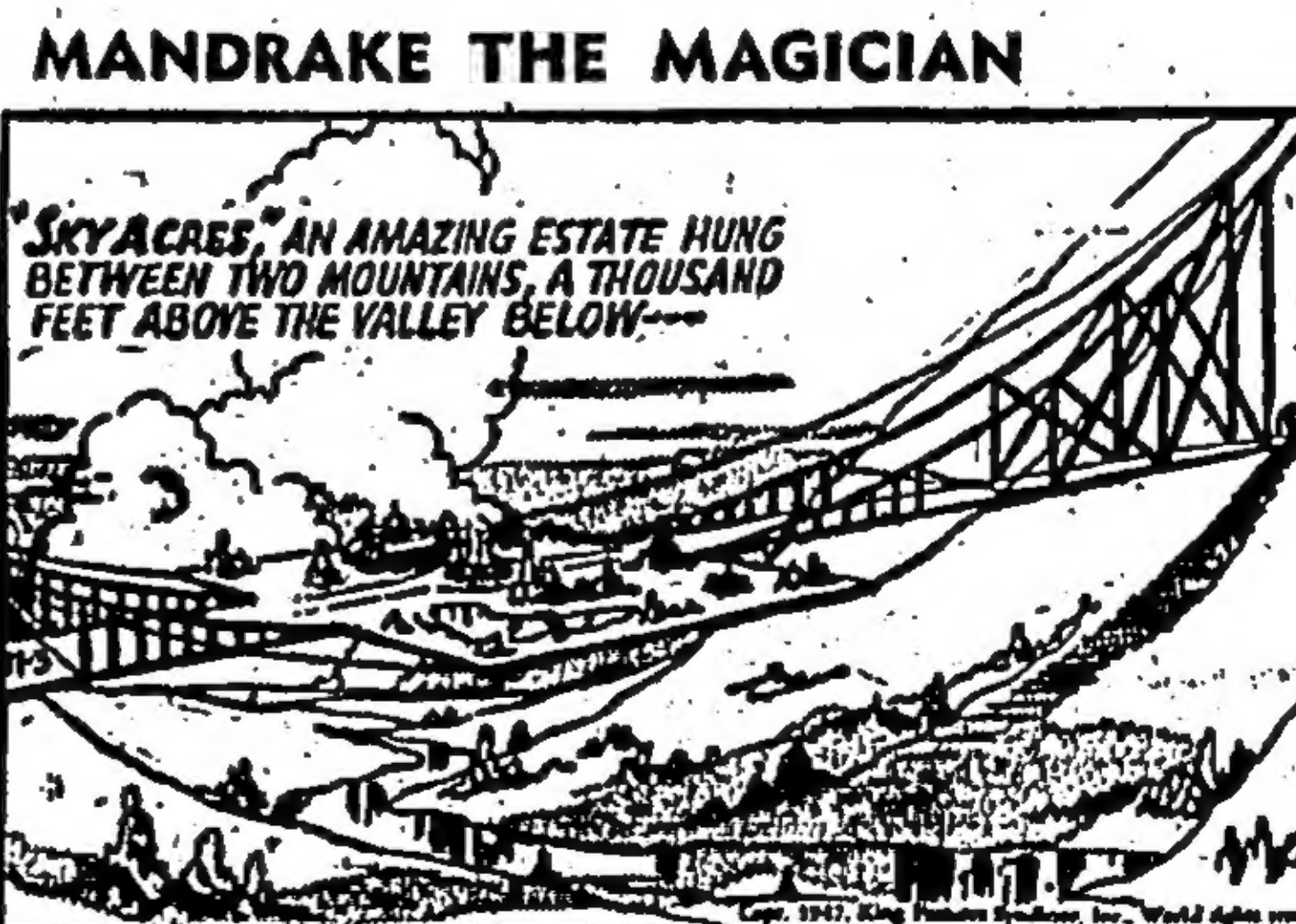
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CEASEFIRE IN JERUSALEM

But War Goes On In Rest Of Country

ARABS HOLD OUT IN NAZARETH

Cairo, July 17.

Arabs and Jews ceased firing in Jerusalem today after a wild night of fighting but the war went on elsewhere despite hopes that a new truce was near for all Palestine.

In the North, holdout Arab forces continued fighting inside Nazareth, despite the Jewish announcement that it had been surrendered formally. The Jewish spokesmen said Jewish troops were in control of the city but that Arabs barricaded in monasteries and a police station were still resisting.

A Syrian communiqué said two Jewish planes raided Damascus without causing casualties or damage.

Meanwhile the U.N. Mediator, Count Folke Bernadotte, headed back to Palestine from U.N. Headquarters at Lake Success. Before he boarded his plane for the return trip, he said he was confident the U.N. cease fire order would end the Holy War throughout the troubled land.

As he stepped aboard the plane he was asked if he believed the cease fire order would bring permanent peace to Palestine. He replied:

"It is a step. The Jews have accepted the cease fire order and I hope the Arabs will. I do not know yet what their answer will be."

Jerusalem Battle

Bernadotte, acting on the authority of the United Nations Security Council, has fixed Sunday night as the deadline for a truce. Security Council members were reported to be studying possible steps to enforce order if the Arabs reject it. The Jews have announced willingness to accept a truce if the Arabs will do so.

Guns and mortars pounded ceaselessly throughout the night in Jerusalem, but for hours after the cease fire deadline, not a shot was heard.

The Jews opened the attack today from three positions in the modern city, despatches from the Old City said. They plastered the Arab-held, walled Old City with more than 500 shells before dawn. The Arabs replied with artillery. Despatches from Jerusalem gave no estimate of the Arab casualties.

The Jewish shells struck fire from the tops of the Holy buildings along the Via Dolorosa—the way of sorrow along which Christ carried his cross.

Before the artillery duel began, Arab troops had broken through the Jewish front in the Men Shearim quarter and blasted forward for 500 yards in the direction of modern Jerusalem's heart.

American correspondents with the Arab Legion reported.

Tel Aviv Raided

Two mechanized Arab Legion companies, supported by irregulars, punched through strongly fortified Jewish lines in a surprise pre-dawn attack

on Friday. By nightfall they had reached positions halfway through the all-Jewish quarter. Six were killed and 20 injured. Including two who were burnt alive, in an old age home, as a result of the sixth air raid on Tel Aviv today. One Egyptian Dakota was shot down and crashed into the sea.

The Straits Health Centre, clearly marked with Red Cross flags, was hit by the Egyptian planes.

Israeli planes bombed the Syrian border near Mishmar Hayarden, as well as enemy concentrations in various areas.

The United States Navy has ordered a squad of 12 Marines from the United States naval forces in the Mediterranean to guard the United States Consulate General in Jerusalem.

The order was made at the request of the State Department. Marines are already serving as guards at American Embassies in London, Paris and Rome.

Associated Press, Agence France-Press and Reuter.

COAL FIND IN KENT

London, July 17.

A coal seam, which may yield ten million tons, has been discovered by a mining company seeking peat and coals at Cobham, Kent.—Reuter.

HUNGARY ACCUSES BELGRADE

Budapest, July 17.

Hungary accused the Yugoslav Legation in Budapest of protecting the instigator of a political assassination in reply to a Yugoslav note alleging that Legation personnel were being shadowed by Hungarian police.

The exchange of notes arose out of the death of a Yugoslav student, Mole Milos, found injured by several revolver bullets in a Budapest college on July 10, and who died later in hospital. The Hungarian central news agency reported.

The evidence unanimously pointed to a political crime, the press department of the Hungarian Ministry of the Interior announced.

Milos was a member of the Democratic Union of South Slavs living in Hungary, against whom it was alleged, pressure was applied after the Cominform expulsion of the Yugoslav Communist Party to persuade him to oppose the Cominform's stand.—Reuter.

DAILY EXPRESS CHAIRMAN DEAD

Dunmow, Essex, July 17.

Ralph D. Blumenfeld, American-born Chairman of the London Daily Express, died here today, aged 84.

Son of an American country newspaper editor, he started his career in the composing room of his father's newspaper. After working as a reporter in Chicago he came to Europe as a foreign correspondent in 1897.

In 1900 he became news editor of the London Daily Mail and two years later editor of the Daily Express, a post he held until 1932.—Reuter.

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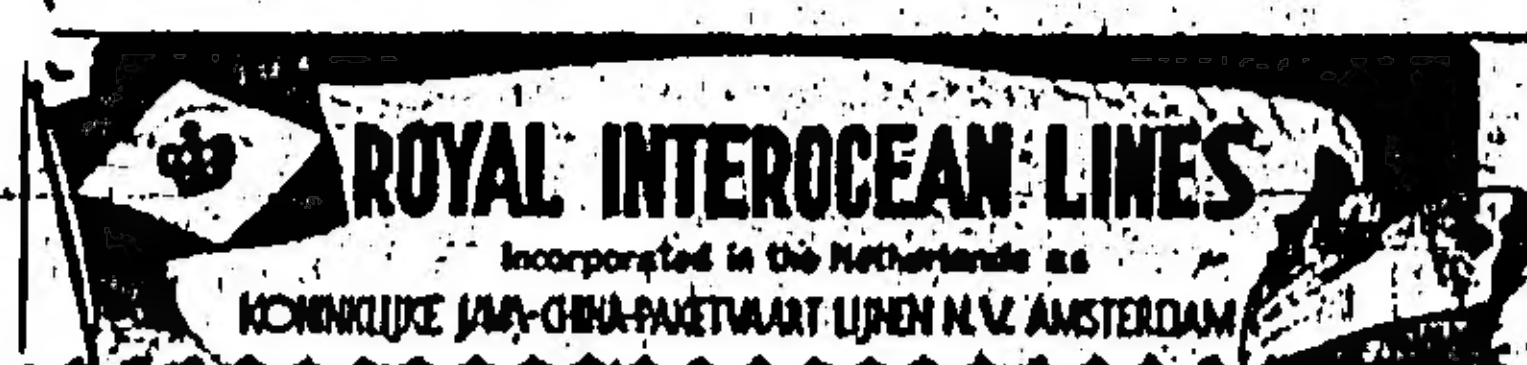
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Forced To Kiss Joe's Portrait

Berlin, July 17. Buchenwald, dreaded Nazi concentration camp, now holds 10,000 prisoners of the MVD, Russian Security Police, according to the official British newspaper, Die Welt.

Among them are 170 women. Most of the prisoners are intellectuals, and the paper. Many were seized to have been arrested for criticizing Soviet policy, others for alleged espionage for Western powers and none had been tried.

Camp treatment was reported as not particularly brutal, though living conditions and food were poor, and attempted escapes were punished by being tied to a cross for several hours. If any prisoner escaped, guards seized any civilian to make up the numbers.

Women were said to be branded on the shoulder with a hammer and sickle and forced to kiss a portrait of Generalissimo Stalin, when caught stealing food.

The American-sponsored paper, Neue Zeitung said that only former Nazis had been freed from camps under the recent Soviet amnesty. About half of the 12,000 inmates of Brandenburg camp had died since 1945 through disease and bad food, it added.—Reuter.

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Bangkok: Gold, Bar, per baht-weight of 15.244 grammes, unquoted; Exchange Rate (selling), Bangkok on New York T.T. 20.25; London 60.50; Hong Kong 3.70.—Reuter.

Canton, July 10. The birth-rate in Canton exceeded the death rate in June. During last month 635 boys and 536 girls were born, while 483 men and 428 women died.—Reuter.

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BY THE MIDDLE OF AUGUST?

Shanghai, July 18. Commodity prices in China should be relatively stable by and after the middle of August if the Chinese Government can handle and utilize American aid supplies coming soon to China, Mayor K. C. Wu declared in an interview yesterday afternoon.

Mayor Wu, who called on Premier Wong Wen-hua during his recent Nanjing visit, reported to the Executive Yuan President Shanghai's financial and price situation and the difficulties facing the City Government.

The Minister of Finance, Mr. Wang Yun-wu, exchanged views with the Mayor on how to stabilize the finance market in Shanghai.

Meanwhile, thousands of Shanghai labourers were today still without their pay for the first half of July because of the inability of the banks to meet cash demands.

The majority of banks yesterday limited withdrawals to CNS 5,000,000—which is less than one American dollar at the black market rate—per cheque.

Only Temporary?

Some banks discontinued the time-honoured custom of closing on Saturday afternoon and kept open in the hope of receiving a fresh supply of bank notes from the Central Bank. This, however, failed to materialize.

Local bankers, nevertheless, thought the present difficulties only temporary since the Central Bank must have anticipated the recent trends of the Chinese dollar, whose depreciation assumed extreme form lately. They believed that the authorities will shortly issue larger denomination notes.—Reuter.

CHINESE KILLED IN NAURU CLASH

Sydney, July 17. Four Chinese were killed in a clash with Australian officials on the Pacific island of Nauru when hundreds of Chinese labourers, armed with spears, clubs and axes, refused to embark for China at the end of their term of two years service on the island.

The labourers erected barricades and hurled a shower of stones at the Australian officials, who had ordered them to lay down their weapons, the reports said.

The Chinese made a rush forward and shots which were fired over their heads failed to stop the advance. Two Chinese were shot dead and two others, seriously wounded, died later.

The officials were members of the Australian administration on Nauru, otherwise known as Pleasant Island, which lies on the equator due west of the Gilbert Islands.

Mr. C. Ward, Australian Minister for External Territories, declined to comment on the reports until he had received official information.—Reuter.

WESTINGHOUSE OFFER

New York, July 17. A U.S. \$80,000,000 offering by the Westinghouse Electric Corporation was the liveliest bit of news in the bond market this week.

The new Westinghouse issue represented the largest public offering of an industrial bond issue since the marketing of U.S. \$100,000,000 in Socony Vacuum debentures in June 1945.

The Westinghouse 2.65 per cent debentures were priced at 101 per cent and accrued interest. The issue was oversubscribed.—Associated Press.

Wall St In A Dilemma

New York, July 17. Wall Street's sharp break on Thursday and Friday was due to President Truman's surprise call for a special session of Congress, much more than Russia's reply to the Berlin note.

President Truman's strategy, regarded as an astute political move and somewhat endangering Dewey's prospects, is naturally disliked on Wall Street, particularly as the renewed upward in living costs tends to strengthen Truman's demand for renewing price controls.

Other issues which President Truman intends to raise also disturb business sentiment, including Government financial housing and the higher section is unlikely to accomplish anything but a political free fight, which might disturb business.

Wall Street is in a dilemma because it dislikes the present inflationary trend as much as it dislikes Truman's proposed cure. Formerly inflation benefited profits but nowadays it squeezes them between rising costs and political risks of raising selling prices.—Reuter.

REUTER MAN ASKED TO LEAVE

Belgrade, July 17. Reuter's correspondent, Peter Furst, has been ordered to leave Yugoslavia by July 20, the Ministry of Interior said today.

The Ministry said that it refused to extend Furst's visa which expires on July 20 because "his reporting in the last few months had been hostile, false and tendentious."

Earlier this month, Furst's wife, June Cannon, correspondent for the Letist agency, Telepress, was expelled from Yugoslavia.

Both are United States citizens.—United Press.

COMPANY SALES LOWER

Washington, July 17. Sales of 1277 companies in the U.S. dropped 1.6 per cent to about U.S. \$27,000,000 during the first quarter of this year, the Securities Commission reported today.

Trends were mixed, compared with the previous three months. Sales of 317 department stores jumped 24.8 per cent. However, 11 distilleries showed a decline of 18.1 per cent and five cigarette companies reported a drop of three and a half per cent while 19 automobile companies declined 28 per cent.—Associated Press.

EUROPE'S FOOD

Washington, July 17. The U.S. Department of Agriculture forecast a 35 per cent increase in European production of bread grains this year over last, excluding the Soviet Union. This would leave Europe's production about 43 per cent below the 1935-40 average.

This year's wheat crop was estimated at 1,450,000,000 bushels with all countries showing increases. Substantial imports will still be needed.—Associated Press.

PRICE INDEX

New York, July 17. Making its fourth consecutive Friday to Friday decline, the Associated Press composite of 35 wholesale commodity prices stood at 100.29 compared with 100.61 a week earlier and 100.52 a year ago.

Components declining included grains and cotton and livestock. Industrials and food advanced.—Associated Press.

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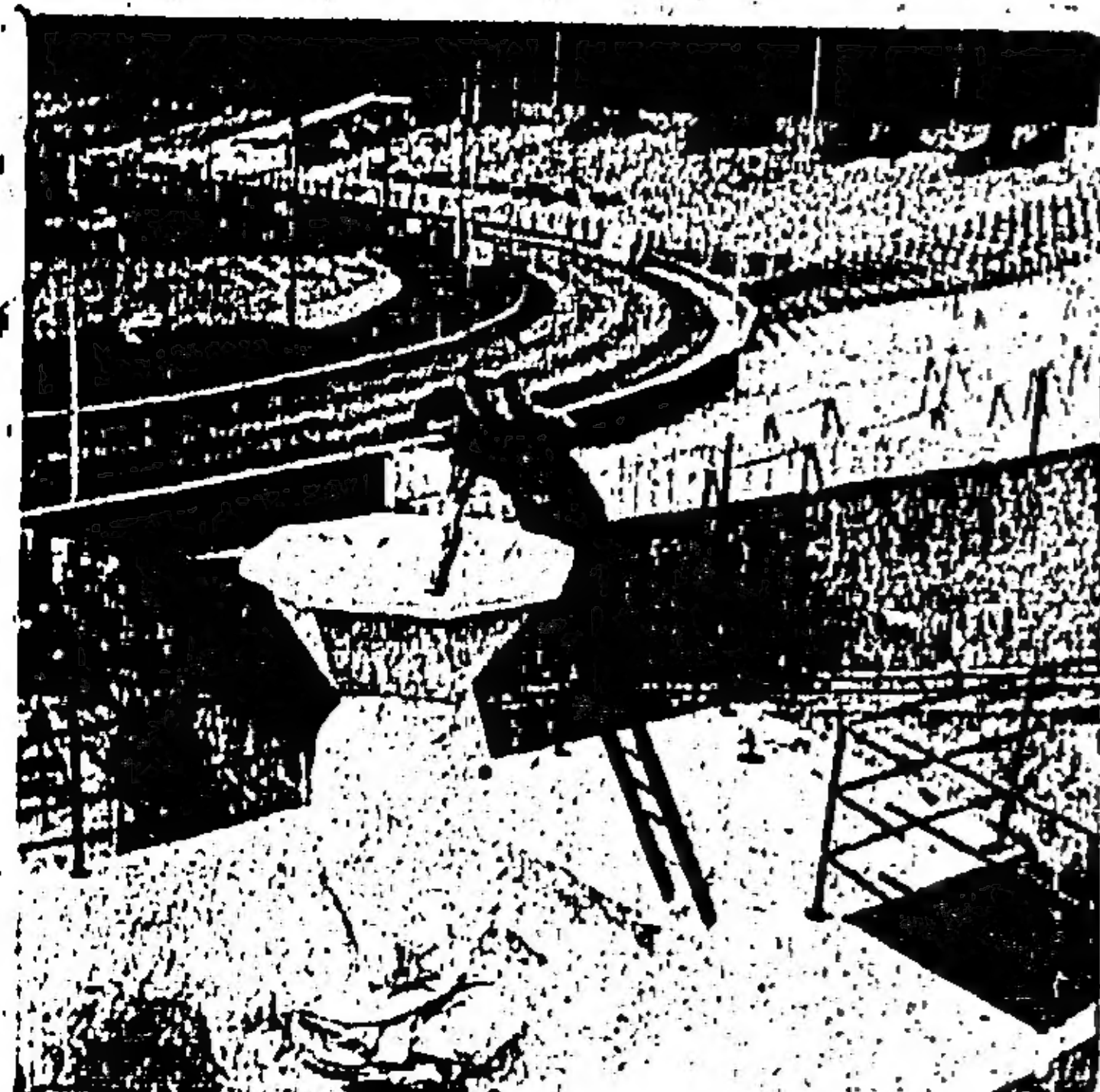
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Burghley Optimistic On Games

London, July 17.—The 1948 Olympic Games are "going to be a success from every point of view," Lord Burghley, former Olympic champion and now the key man of the coming Olympiad in his role of chairman of the Organising Committee, said today.

In his spacious but far from luxurious office in London's West End, overlooking Hyde Park, he gave this message to Reuters:

"I am happy to have this opportunity of saying that a very warm welcome awaits the teams and officials from the 62 nations that are coming to London for this great Festival of amateur sport.

"The aftermath of war has left many difficulties to contend with in the preparation of such an enormous undertaking, but no effort has been spared to make the best possible arrangements, not only for the competitors themselves, but also for the housing and comfort of the teams.

British Aim

"There has been in the past in this country a great tradition of sportsmanship and kindly hospitality. It is the aim of the whole of the great British sporting public to live up to this reputation on this occasion."

To the athletes and officials, he added: "It is our earnest hope that not only will you enjoy this splendid competition but also that you will take back such happy memories of your visit that you will come to see us again."

Asked whether the Games were likely to result in a profit or a loss, Lord Burghley said: "We have no reason to believe that we shall not cover all our expenditure. We do not aim to make any profit, but if there should be any, it will go back into amateur sport."

He had no doubt that sporting records would be broken this year although records were harder to break with each successive Olympiad.

OLYMPIC REHEARSAL WAS DISAPPOINTING

Manchester, July 17.—Olympic Games athletes of Great Britain and Eire were in action on the Fallowfield track here today when a joint team from England and Wales won the triangular match against Scotland and Ireland, scoring 101 points to Scotland's 61½ and Ireland's 53½.

As an Olympic rehearsal, however, the performances must be regarded as disappointing, with the exception of the 10-year-old Alan Paterson, of Scotland, cleared six feet six inches to equal the ground record and just touched the bar in three attempts at six feet seven inches.

Some performances fell far below the standard expected, notably in the 1,500 metres, when Britain's two main hopes, Bill Nankville and Douglas Wilson, were outclassed by the Irishman, John Barry, who beat Wilson by six yards in three minutes 57.8 seconds. Nankville, a British champion, was a poor fourth.

Another Olympic man to fall was W.E. Lucas, who was only third in the 5,000 metres, won by Alec Onye, for England, in 14 minutes 48.4 seconds. Lucas showed a disappointing lack of pace and stamina over the later stages of the race.

Joseph Birrell, the 10-year-old northern schoolboy, showed his qualities by winning the 110 metres hurdles in 15.5 seconds, while Jimmy Reardon, of Ireland, returned 48 seconds when winning the 400 metres comfortably from Bill Roberts, Britain's Olympic team captain.

Bailey Beaten

The 100 metres provided Allan Bailey, of Scotland, with another sprint success at the expense of MacDonald Bailey, the West Indian member of Britain's Olympic team. But MacDonald Bailey was a sick man and had some excuse for finishing third behind McCordquale and Ken Jones. Only yesterday he had a troublesome abscess under his arm lanced and was in bed until an hour or two before turning out this afternoon.

MIDDLESEX HAD TO FIGHT HARD FOR THEIR RUNS

FINISHING touches are put to a reproduction of the concrete beacon which will house the Olympic Flame at Wembley Stadium. The column is designed around an apparatus fed by butane gas. Runners in relays are now carrying the Olympic Torch from Mount Olympus in Greece across Europe. From this torch the Olympic Flame will be lighted and will be kept burning at this prominent point of the stadium throughout the Games. Extensive tests with fuel methods and designs of beacons have been carried out to ensure the continuity of the Olympic Flame throughout the Games periods.—AP Photo.

London, July 17.—Middlesex scored 203 runs in their first innings against the Australians. The tourists had put on six runs for no wickets when rain prevented further play for the day.

Middlesex had to fight hard for runs against some excellent Australian bowling, well supported by excellent fielding, and Denis Compton appeared to be the only batsman who was not worried by the Australian attack.

Effortless strokes through the covers and cheeky late cuts, which left the slips looking on helplessly, showed Compton in his best form. Once he was struck a painful blow on his left knee by a ball from Loxton, but resumed after being given attention by the Australians.

He was bowled by Loxton when playing forward, having batted two hours five minutes and hit five fours without giving anything like a chance.

After lunch Denis saw Dewes and Mann both go fairly cheaply. In Johnston's second over Dewes, the Cambridge left-hander, unwisely touched a rising delivery, and the ever alert Tallon took a fine catch.

Content to keep up his end at a critical time, Mann, the Middlesex captain, defended stoutly while Compton showed the way to score off the Australian attack.

Compton Bowled

The stand produced 62 in as many minutes before Mann fell to a remarkable catch, Tallon juggled with a fast snicked ball and managed to keep it off the ground until McCool at first slip bent forward and safely held it. This was Lindwall's first wicket, which cost him 27 runs in 18 overs.

The total had reached 182 when Loxton in two consecutive overs disposed of the Compton brothers, Leslie to a brilliant catch by Lindwall fielding at short extra cover and one run later Denis was clean bowled.

At tea the Australians had good reason to be satisfied for they had seven wickets down for a score of 188. In 20 minutes' play after tea the Australians captured the three outstanding wickets for 15 runs, 14 of which went to the credit of Jack Young, whose scoring strokes were one to leg, a six over the square leg boundary off McCool, followed by a single for three against Loxton and then a brilliant cover drive that dispatched a McCool delivery to the boundary.

Sims left in Loxton's first over in the interval, the bowler holding on-handed catch off a very hard return at 188.

Young was eventually stumped off McCool at 202 and the next ball bowled young; Ian Bedford round his legs. The county's total of 203 took four hours 20 minutes. The Australians began batting

Scoreboard

The scorecard at the close of play:				
Middlesex 1st Innings				
Robertson b Johnston	3			
Brown c Morris b Ring	39			
Edrich c Tallon b Johnston	27			
D. Compton b Loxton	62			
Dewes c Tallon b Johnston	4			
Mann c McCool b Lindwall	13			
L. Compton c Lindwall b Loxton	17			
Sims c and b Loxton	5			
Whitcombe not out	1			
Young at Tallon b McCool	14			
Bedford c McCool	17			
Extras	17			
Total	203			

BOWLING				
	O	M	R	W
Lindwall	16	3	28	3
Johnston	20	3	43	1
Loxton	21	5	35	2
McCool	18	6	54	2
Ring	13	4	28	1
Australia 1st Innings				
Brown not out	5			
Morris not out	1			
Extras	0			
Total (for 0)	6			

BASEBALL STANDINGS

New York, July 18.—Baseball standings this week as of Saturday night and including Saturday's games:

NATIONAL		
W.	L.	P.
Boston	42	32
Pittsburgh	40	37
Brooklyn	39	37
St. Louis	40	38
New York	38	38
Philadelphia	38	40
Chicago	34	45
AMERICAN		
Cleveland	47	30
Philadelphia	46	34
New York	46	33
Boston	42	38
Detroit	40	40
Washington	35	44
St. Louis	29	47
Chicago	25	50

RAIN DISRUPTS COUNTY CRICKET

London, July 17.—A wet afternoon in most parts of England caused disruptions in several County cricket championship games today, but there was a good deal of interest in the earlier play.

The match in which most progress was made took place at Colchester, where Essex and Hampshire each completed an innings and Essex lost a second innings' wicket without a run scored.

A century by Rogers enabled Hampshire to gain a useful lead, but it was the bowling of Jim Bailey, 40-year-old spinner, which really upset Essex.

Bill Voce, who retired last season, made a surprise return for Nottinghamshire against Yorkshire and showed much of his old form, while Copson, who has been out of cricket for two months, returned and took four Sussex wickets.

Fletcher and Squires were in a merry mood when batting for Surrey. They put up 84 runs when Brian Edrich got Fletcher and with the next ball he took the wicket of Newcombe, but Surrey have a useful total.

Scores

Close of play scores: At Frome: Somerset 170 for 3 (Gimblett 88 not out) against Gloucestershire. There was no play after lunch owing to rain. At Liverpool: Northamptonshire 141 for 0 against Lancashire. At the Oval: Surrey 240 for 0 (Fletcher 60, Whitaker 50 not out) against Kent. At Worcester: Worcestershire 127 for 3 against Gloucestershire. No play after tea.

At Burton-on-Trent: Sussex 204 (James Langridge 107 not out, Gladwin 47 for 29) Derbyshire 44 for 0 (see below). At Birmingham: Warwickshire 117 for 0 (see below). At Bristol: Gloucestershire 117 for 0 (see below). At Exeter: Devon 117 for 0 (see below). At Hereford: Hereford 117 for 0 (see below). At Kent: Kent 117 for 0 (see below). At Lancashire: Lancashire 117 for 0 (see below). At Leicestershire: Leicestershire 117 for 0 (see below). At Lincolnshire: Lincolnshire 117 for 0 (see below). At Middlesex: Middlesex 117 for 0 (see below). At Northamptonshire: Northamptonshire 117 for 0 (see below). At Nottinghamshire: Nottinghamshire 117 for 0 (see below). At Oxfordshire: Oxfordshire 117 for 0 (see below). At Somerset: Somerset 117 for 0 (see below). At Staffordshire: Staffordshire 117 for 0 (see below). At Surrey: Surrey 117 for 0 (see below). At Sussex: Sussex 117 for 0 (see below). At Warwickshire: Warwickshire 117 for 0 (see below). At Wiltshire: Wiltshire 117 for 0 (see below). 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